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Shashi Tharoor earns his party's ire over remark on PM conveying India's concerns to Trump over Indian sailors. Cong says he 'now seems capable of hearing what Modi doesn't even say'

Number of confirmed Ebola cases in Congo has risen to 933, including 245 deaths, its health minister says

Brazil forward Matheus Cunha's brace against Haiti marks the 10th occasion a Brazilian player has **scored two or more first-half goals in a FIFA World Cup match, the most by any nation,** P 21

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Talks today, but Tehran shuts Hormuz over Lebanon strikes

Witkoff, Kushner In Switzerland; Iran Sends Team

Iran on Saturday said it had closed the Strait of Hormuz because of Israel's continued attacks in Lebanon and warned that while negotiators were going to Switzerland for talks with US on their interim agreement, not much is likely to happen if the fighting doesn't stop.

Key mediator Pakistan said technical-level talks will begin on Sunday in Burgenstock, Switzerland, with Qatari mediators also participating. Iran state media said the team includes parliamentary speaker Mohammad Bagher Qalibaf, foreign minister Abbas Araghchi and central bank and oil officials.

In Washington, vice-president J D Vance confirmed that top US negotiators Jared Kushner and Steve Witkoff were already in Switzerland and working through technical details of anticipated negotiations on Iran's nuclear programme. Vance told Fox News that he expects to leave for Switzerland in "the next couple of days" but acknowledged that "it's always a delicate coordination dance". As part of efforts to revive the direct talks, Pakistani interior minister Mohsin Naqvi met Araghchi in Tehran Saturday. AP

FULL COVERAGE: P 19

TANKERS CROSS

- **3 Indian-flagged crude oil tankers** — Desh Vaibhav, Desh Vibhor and Sanmar Herald — carrying 8.6L tonnes crude oil, **cross strait**
- About **2 dozen people reportedly killed** by Israeli airstrikes on Lebanon
- **Iran resumes loading crude from Kharg** export terminal after 6 weeks, after US lifts blockade of its ports
- **Iranian court sentences a singer,** Parastoo Ahmadi, and 7 fellow artists **to 74 lashes** each after they livestreamed a performance on YouTube

Modi a tough cookie, 1 of my 2 fave leaders: Trump

Chidanand Rajghatta | TNN

Washington: Fresh from their meeting at the G7 Summit in France, US President **Donald Trump** has lavished praise on PM Modi. "The real Modi is a very tough cookie… He's been there for more than 12 years… very solid… there's a great calmness, and yet he's not a calm person, he's a very tough guy," Trump said in an interview to Axios.

Trump was responding to a question on the two world leaders he likes the most, the other being Chinese President Xi Jinping. Later, he also listed Pakistan's Army chief Asim Munir and PM Shehbaz Sharif as leaders whom he liked. "They really helped us with the Iran deal."

"I think Modi is very good. Yeah. They've had some very good numbers announced. He stays out of wars, which is smart. He's 1.5 billion people. He's actually the biggest. India's actually the biggest. And Modi's a great leader," Trump said when asked about leaders he likes the most in terms of power and leverage, and the ability to execute on that.

▶'Signals ambush', P 20

Escalates spat with Meloni, she hits back

Italian PM Giorgia Meloni told Trump on Saturday to look after his own popularity after he lashed out at her, insisting that she asked "over and over" for a photo with him and criticising what he said was Italy's lack of cooperation during the Iran war. "President Trump, these constant, unprovoked attacks are senseless," she wrote on Instagram. P 19

5 killed as temple roof collapses in Maha village

At least five people were killed and 18 others were injured after the roof of an under-construction Hanuman temple collapsed at Yashwadi village in Maharashtra's Parbhani district. The temple was crowded at the time. District collector has ordered a structural audit and an official inquiry while also banning entry into the temple. P 12

CJP protest will be on till Pradhan resigns: Dipke

Cockroach Janta Party (CJP) continued its protest at Jantar Mantar till late Saturday evening after announcing the agitation would go on till education minister Dharmendra Pradhan resigned over the NEET-UG paper leak controversy. Police refused to extend time after 5pm and were seen taking protesters away. Cops said no one was detained. P 20

16 fixed-dose combo medicines banned

Govt has banned 16 fixed-dose combination medicines, including some antibiotics, painkillers, and skin treatments, after expert reviews found them scientifically unjustified and potentially risky. The health ministry Saturday prohibited manufacture, sale and distribution of these drugs. P 12

B'luru schools ban food delivery apps

Several schools in Bengaluru have barred food delivery on campus via app-based platforms, citing health, hygiene, safety, logistical challenges, and concerns of disparity between students. P 2

NEET RETEST TODAY. WE'RE READY, SAYS NTA

22.8L ASPIRANTS TO APPEAR FOR NEET-UG RETEST TODAY. OF THESE, OVER 18 LAKH TO TAKE EXAM IN ENGLISH, 3.5L IN HINDI

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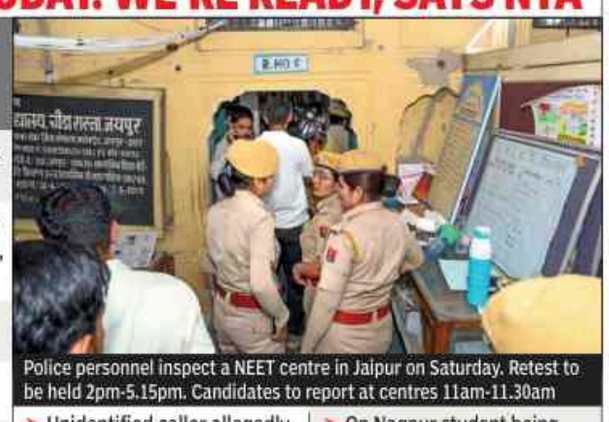
- **40–50** security personnel per centre on average
- Mock drill held across country on eve of the retest



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Police personnel inspect a NEET centre in Jaipur on Saturday. Retest to be held 2pm-5.15pm. Candidates to report at centres 11am-11.30am

- Unidentified caller allegedly **showed question paper on video call to a candidate in Ajmer,** and an ABVP member on Saturday. Offered it for ₹30,000. Police probe on
- On Nagpur student being given exam centre in Abu Dhabi, **NTA said student made the city change from his login.** Local centre allotted now. Family contests NTA claim P 6

Drone surveillance at an Ahd college

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K'taka cabinet clears new dept to address public grievances

Times News Network

Bengaluru: The Karnataka cabinet Saturday approved a first-ever grievance redressal department for the state. Named Prajaseva Department, this unit will receive complaints directly from the public and address those.

Announcing this, chief minister D K Shivakumar said district in-charge ministers will now be required to visit every assembly segment in their districts regularly and hold public grievance redressal meetings.

Shivakumar said the department will function under a dedicated minister and a senior IAS officer. However, the cabinet deferred the proposal to establish a department to address issues of NRIs, as ministers felt there was a need to expand its scope beyond Kannadigas based abroad.

▶Extension for buildings seeking power sans OC, P 5

▶Move may help DKS, P 4

CITIZEN CONNECT

- **Dedicated minister and senior IAS officer** to head the new unit
- District in-charge ministers to hold **weekly 'Jana Samparka' meetings** in assembly segments
- Department to **track and resolve complaints,** not merely receive representations
- Cabinet puts **NRI department proposal on hold,** seeks a broader global outreach mandate

48 hrs on, 1 body recovered from BWSSB sewage tank, 2nd missing

The body of one of the two workers who fell into a 40-foot-deep sewage treatment tank at a BWSSB-operated facility in Balagere, Bengaluru, was found early Saturday, nearly two days after the incident. The deceased is Akilan, 29, a mechanical supervisor from Tamil Nadu. The second worker, Akhilesh, 30, from Bihar, remains missing, with rescue operations continuing at the site.

The incident occurred Thursday when the two men reportedly slipped while inspecting a tank gate. Akhilesh's wife has been waiting at the site since arriving from Bihar. The pipelines are filled with sludge and debris making rescue efforts challenging. P 3

Indian capt of sanctioned ship charged in UK

The Indian captain of sanctioned Russian shadow fleet oil tanker MV Smyrtos, arrested in the UK and charged with breaching sanctions, has told a British court that he was "simply following orders from those in the corporation" with no say in the matter.

In Nainital, the family of the captain, 38-year-old Ajay Pant, said they learned of his arrest through British media reports. His wife Ritu said his career of 15 years has been "spotless" and sought the Indian govt's intervention as she feared for his safety in a British jail. The offence carries a maximum sentence of 10 years. P 20

At Lahore's 'Eton', Pak alum pays tribute to Indian friend

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Nearly eight decades after Partition, a classroom in Lahore's Aitchison College has become an unlikely bridge between India and Pakistan. On June 10, 'Classroom No. 108' at the 140-year-old institution was dedicated to Harcharan Singh Brar, a pre-Partition student who later became CM of Punjab (1995-96). The plaque, bearing the words 'God is One' in English, Urdu and Gurmukhi ('Ik Onkar'), was unveiled by Brar's daughter Babli Brar.

The tribute was funded by Brar's schoolmate and lifelong friend, Syed Babar Ali, 100 now, believed to be Aitchison's oldest living alumnus, a prominent industrialist, former finance minister of Pakistan, and the longest-serving member of its board of governors. Their friendship, forged in undivided Punjab, survived Partition, wars, and decades of hostility until Brar's death in 2009.

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Brar's daughter Babli at the unveiling at Aitchison College

▶Pre-Partition past, P 20

Hindus protest in B'desh over desecration row

Protests erupted in Dhaka and other parts of Bangladesh on Friday night and Saturday after a picture of Lord Ram was allegedly hit with shoes during a procession, and threats were made to vandalise an idol at Radha-Gobinda temple, **reports Ahsan Tasnim**. Protesters condemned the govt's "inaction" following the incident.

The Hindu community alleged that a group is trying to create instability in the country and expressed concern over what they called a deliberate attempt to incite hatred against minorities. "We are not floating people here. We're citizens of this country," said a protester. P 19

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WINGREENS WORLD

Turning sour: Early-morning raid blocks cheap milk route

FSSAI Officials Intercept Over 30 Vehicles

Pavan Kumar Pateel | TNN

Bengaluru: Every day, thousands of litres of low-cost milk quietly enter Bengaluru from neighbouring states, eventually finding their way into cups of tea and coffee, bakery products, sweets, and restaurant kitchens. But how safe is this milk?

The steady inflow of milk, sold at prices significantly lower than those offered by Karnataka Milk Federation (KMF), has triggered concern among food safety authorities, prompting the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) to launch a major crackdown. In a coordinated operation in the early hours of Saturday, officials intercepted more than 30 vehicles carrying unregulated milk consignments from neighbouring Tamil Nadu into Bengaluru.

The early-morning raids were conducted simultaneously at Hoskote, Attibele, and Hosur check-posts. Preliminary investigation revealed that the network was allegedly bypassing licensing norms, cold-storage requirements, and quality-control standards while undercutting KMF prices by a considerable margin.

A special FSSAI team led by Bengaluru South assistant commissioner Vishwanath VR launched inspections at the three entry points, which serve as major transit corridors for milk tankers and transport vehicles entering Bengaluru from Tamil Nadu. Officials stopped and inspected more than 30 vehicles. Samples were immediately collected and sent for laboratory analysis amid suspicions that the milk may have been adulterated to increase volume and extend shelf life.

However, more than the possibility of adulteration, officials were surprised by the business model driving the trade. Vishwanath told **TOI**, "We found that none of these shipments contained milk belonging to any famous brands. More alarmingly, the operators possessed no FSSAI licence. The product was being sold at prices significantly lower than the standard KMF rates, making it highly lucrative for commercial buyers in the market."

Preliminary probe revealed that the milk originated from various private dairies in Tamil Nadu before being routed to local distributors operating within Bengaluru. Officials found that much of it was being supplied as 'loose, unpasteurised milk' at reduced rates and later repackaged in generic polythene pouches under little-known local brand names for normal distribution.

The unhygienic transport conditions further heightened concerns. "Most vehicles lacked the mandatory cold-chain infrastructure required to preserve perishable dairy products during long-distance transit. Without refrigeration, milk becomes highly vulnerable to bacterial growth, significantly increasing health risks," an official, who was part of the operation, said.

The authorities have served show-cause notices on several distributors and manufacturers allegedly involved in the trade. FSSAI, in coordination with the district administration, is now investigating whether Bengaluru's appetite for cheaper milk has inadvertently fuelled a shadow supply chain operating outside the regulatory net.

WHERE WAS IT HEADED?

The low-cost supplies were primarily destined for commercial establishments where cheaper milk can substantially reduce operating costs:

- Bakeries
- Small eateries
- Tea and coffee shops
- Condiment manufacturers
- Sweet marts

Officials noted that the milk seized lacked basic traceability, making it nearly impossible to find its source, quality, and handling standards

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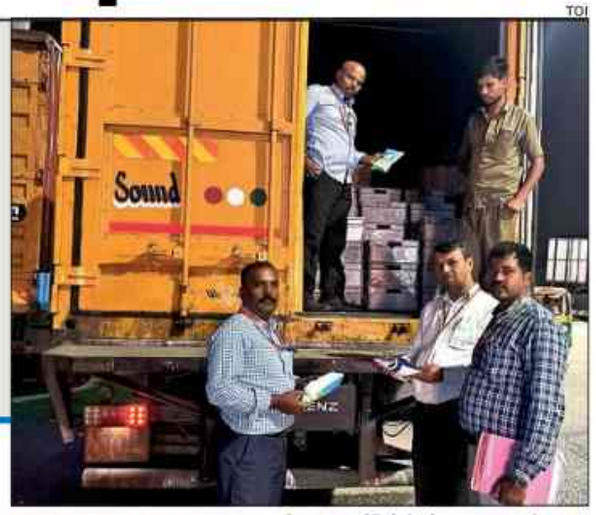

CAUGHT RED-HANDED: A team of FSSAI officials from Bengaluru intercepted around 30 milk tankers and transport vehicles at the Karnataka-TN border in the wee hours of Saturday

Bank manager cheats man of ₹2.6cr, held

Times News Network

Bengaluru: City police have arrested a manager working with Axis Bank (Hesaraghatta branch) in northwest Bengaluru and two of his associates on charges of duping a businessman of Rs around 2.6 crore.

The accused — manager Vinod Kumar, Arun, and Kiran — have been taken into police custody for further questioning. According to police, the gang duped businessman Subramanya BT, a resident of Manjunath Nagar, Peenya, who runs a logistics and manpower business. His financial transactions are made with Axis Bank, Hesaraghatta Road, where he has an account. As per his complaint, Vinod, posing like a businessman named Rahul, contacted him through a WhatsApp call in Nov last.

"The caller said he ran a few logistics and construction companies. From then on, he would call me regularly and discuss business. One day, he offered a business proposal, saying he could generate business worth Rs 30 crore for me through his logistics and construction activities. I had to pay him an advance commission of 10%," Subramanya stated.

In fact, at one stage of the conversation, Subramanya thought the voice on the other end sounded similar to that of branch manager Vinod. "I didn't think much of it, dismissing the idea that Vinod would contact me using another name. Meanwhile, I made an online transaction of Rs 2.1 crore to Rahul's account between Nov and Feb. I transferred Rs 54 lakh to another account mentioned by Rahul in the same period. Both accounts were with the Hesaraghatta branch," Subramanya's complaint read.

After receiving the money, Rahul became unreachable and stopped answering calls, prompting the complainant to realise he had been cheated. An investigating officer said: "Preliminary investigation revealed that Rs 2.6 crore was transferred to an account, in the name of Mallikarjun. Also, the companies that Vinod claimed ownership of are run by Mallikarjun. Vinod used Mallikarjun's details to dupe Subramanya. We have to question Vinod further about the possible involvement of others in the crime."

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GBA cracks down on lake pollution

Bengaluru: GBA chief commissioner Maheshwar Rao has directed officials to take urgent steps to improve water quality in 32 lakes classified as 'Class E' by KSPCB.

Reviewing lake management, the K-100 stormwater drain and road restoration works, Rao said 32 of the 182 lakes under city corporations were identified as polluted in KSPCB's April 2026 assessment. He instructed the city corporation and BWSSB officials to jointly inspect the lakes, identify pollution sources and implement corrective measures. Rao also ordered action against sewage discharge into the K-100 drain at 19 locations, investigation into coloured effluents from dyeing units, and removal of encroachments over drains near JC Road. TNN

Bengaluru schools ban food delivery via apps on campus

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Bengaluru: In a recent circular to parents from Vidyashilp School, Banashankari, the school management announced that it would ban the practice of permitting food delivery through platforms such as Swiggy, Zomato, and other apps on campus. Vidyashilp is not the only one. Several schools in the city have banned food delivery apps over the past few years.

"What started as a dessert for one student by her mother became a common practice, with us receiving at least 4-5 deliveries daily. This, we felt, was an issue at various levels. Outside food is not nutritious and hygienic, often high in oil, salt and preservatives," said principal of Vidyashilp School, Poornima Mahesh.

"Also, it is not the kind of culture we want to promote in a school. We would want our children to appreciate what their parents do for them and respect homemade food. When a child brings home-cooked food, it is a community and a family that is coming together. In case a parent is unable to cook food, we have requested them to order a healthy food option to their home, pack it in a normal lunch box and send it," she added.

Pic for representation

WHAT SCHOOLS SAY

- Outside food is not nutritious and hygienic, often high in oil, salt and preservatives
- Children should appreciate what their parents do for them and respect homemade food
- Ordering food to schools can create disparity and peer pressure among students
- Frequent visits by food delivery agents can create safety concerns and logistical challenges

The issue is also about creating disparity between students. "Imagine a child sitting with a humble pulav, when his classmate next to him eats a pizza. It creates unnecessary distractions among students and lead to unwanted peer pressure, where they go back home and pester their parents to order food for them," said Gayethri Devi, principal, Little Flower Public School.

"Since external delivery personnel are not part of the school community, it is important for us to carefully regulate access to the campus for safety concerns. Managing frequent deliveries also creates logistical challenges and can disrupt the smooth functioning of the school day," said Usha Mahesh Reddy, director principal NPS Hosur Road.

"We have security guards. But their whole energy will be channelled into guiding the delivery boys in and sending the parcels to classes. We are running an educational institution. This kind of logistics is not part of what we are supposed to do," said principal of another school.

Interestingly, schools have also banned food ordering with staff too for them to set examples for students.

Kalai Selvi, head of school, Vidyashilp Academy, said, "Our in-house kitchen prepares food for 3,000 students and staff. This year, they used the ragi we cultivated. And the children who were part of this entire journey understood what it takes to bring that onto the dining table. That orientation also helps us to encourage healthy food practices and setting examples for the younger grades."

CET option entry begins; mock seat allotment result on July 6

Times News Network

Bengaluru: Karnataka Examinations Authority (KEA) opened the option-entry portal on its website from Saturday as part of the first round of seat allotment for admissions to engineering, veterinary, agriculture, and other courses under the ambit of Common Entrance Test.

Candidates can enter their preferred colleges and courses in their order of priority until 10am on June 30. The mock seat allotment result will be announced at 11am on July 6. Candidates will be allowed to add, delete, modify or rearrange their options until July 9. The final seat allotment result will be published on July 15.

The final seat matrix is, however, not yet ready. It is expected to be ready by the time students enter their options and the mock results are announced. "The seat matrix for agriculture, veterinary science, and BSc Nursing courses has already been released. For engineering courses, only the draft seat matrix has been published, and KEA is awaiting the final version. Once available, all details will be uploaded to the website. Until then, candidates need not wait and may enter their options based on the draft seat matrix," said a press release from KEA.

No pre-round counselling, says KEA

To avoid delays for students seeking admission to non-medical courses due to NEET re-examination issue, KEA has decided to drop its earlier plan of conducting a pre-round seat allotment. The counselling process will begin directly with the first round, as done previously.

"The pre-round proposal would have allowed candidates who received their preferred seats to proceed with admission immediately. However, many stakeholders requested that candidates be given opportunities similar to those available in the first round, including seat upgradation options. Therefore, KEA decided not to implement the pre-round system," said H Prasanna, its executive director.

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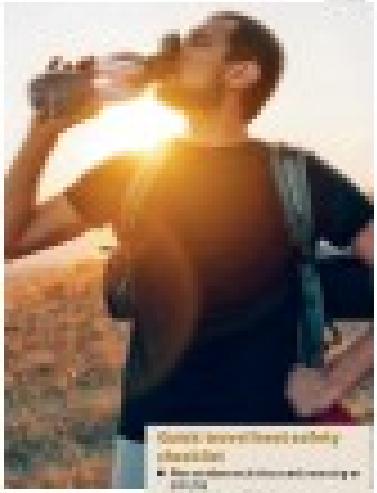

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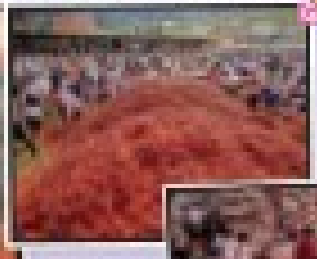

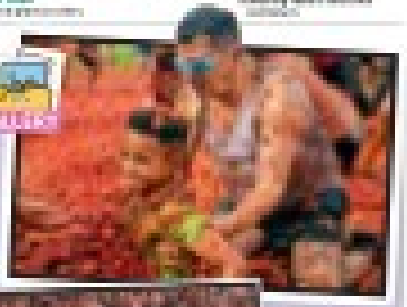

48 hours on, one body recovered from STP

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Bengaluru: For the past two days, Madhu (name changed) has barely moved from the entrance of the sewage treatment plant (STP) in Balagere under Bengaluru East City Corporation. Having rushed to Bengaluru from Bihar after learning about the accident, the wife of missing worker Akhilesh, 30, continues to wait amid the constant movement of rescue personnel, police officers, and civic officials, hoping the ongoing operation will finally bring her husband home.

Akhilesh, a native of Bihar, is the father of four children. He was among two workers who fell into a sewage treatment facility operated by Bangalore Water Supply and Sewerage Board (BWSSB) Thursday evening around 6pm.

According to the site manager, the other worker involved in the incident, Akilan, 29, a native of Tamil Nadu, was a mechanical supervisor and had been working there for the past four years. Akhilesh, who worked as a helper, joined the facility nearly three years ago.

In a breakthrough early Saturday around 3am, rescue teams recovered Akilan's body after nearly two days of search operations. The body was shifted to the mortuary for autopsy. The rescue effort has proven particularly challenging because of the complex network of pipelines connected to the treatment plant. Officials said the pipelines contain large amounts of silt, sludge, plastic waste, and other debris. Heavy machinery such as cranes and excavators cannot be directly deployed inside the narrow pipeline network, forcing teams to make multiple openings and cuts at various points to insert equipment and manually inspect them.

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SEARCH CONTINUES

They were about to end their shift: Site manager

According to the site manager of Balagere STP, around 30 people, including security personnel, work at the plant. Akilan and Akhilesh were part of the general shift of 9am to 6pm. "Towards the end of their shift, they went to check the tank gate, and it appears they slipped from the ladder. One person seems to have tried rescuing the other, and both fell in. We always insist on safety measures inside the plant, including safety jackets and other protective equipment," the site manager said. Treated sewage water from the plant is supplied to Kolar for minor irrigation purposes.

More than 48 hours after the accident, the rescue operation continued Saturday. While one family prepared for a final goodbye, members of another waited anxiously for the chance to bring their loved one home.

2k to take part in Soudha yoga day event

Times News Network

Bengaluru: More than 2,000 yoga practitioners, instructors, students, volunteers and others are expected to gather at the grand steps of Vidhana Soudha Sunday morning as Karnataka marks the 12th International Day of Yoga with a statewide celebration on the theme of 'Yoga for Healthy Ageing.'

The event will feature a mass yoga demonstration, with governor Thawarchand Gehlot, chief minister DK Shivakumar, and other ministers and MLAs participating. Cinema actors Sudharani, Vasishta N Simha, and Haripriya are also expected to take part in the celebrations.

The Ayush department has also planned a series of activities across Karnataka to promote yoga as a year-round public health movement under initiatives such as 'Nitya Yoga' and 'Yoga for Everyone.'

As part of the celebrations, yoga camps, workshops, seminars, school competitions, and conferences on themes including healthy ageing, cancer, and cardiovascular health are being organised across the state. The govt expects more than 10 lakh people to participate in yoga day programmes statewide Sunday, while over 25,000 students and 50,000 citizens have already taken part in outreach activities and online yoga competitions.

Power supply to be disrupted

There will be no power supply between 10am and 5pm Monday and Tuesday in the following areas:

Monday (around ORR): Cessna Business Park, ORR, Exora Business Park, Sobha Apartments, Vikas Telecom, Ibis Hotel, and Takshasila Healthcare.

East: Sobha Chrysanthemum, LRP Office, Jayakumar RMU, Divya Shanti, Karle, Hegde Nagar, Chandrika Soap Factory.

Central: MG Road, Brigade Road, Museum Road, St Mark's Road, Hayes Road, Convent Road, Residency Road, Crescent Road.

South: Anjanapura, Avalahalli, Raghavanapalya, Nagegowdana Palya, Sobha Apartment, Narayananagar 1, 2 block, Deeksha college, KSIT college, Anjanapura 8th Block, Weavers Colony.

West: Malleswaram, Vyalikaval, IISc Brain Centre, Ambedkar Nagar, Subedar Palya, Divanara Palya, Model Colony, Pipeline Road, Mathikere 1-10 Main Road, JP Park, Mathikere.

Soladevanahalli-Hesaraghatta (Monday 9am to Tuesday 8pm): Tharabanahalli, Hurulichikkanahalli, TB Cross, Hesaraghatta, Chikkabanavara, Maruthi Nagar, Ganapathi Nagara, Brothers Colony, Krishna College Road, Raghavendra Layout, Sasuveghatta, Danish Farm, KMF, Soladevanahalli, Ganigarahalli, Somashettihalli, Dasenahalli.

Tuesday (Around Koramangala): Koramangala 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th Block, Koramangala Industrial Area, Madiwala, Chikkadugodi, St John's Hospital, Maruthinagar Adugodi 7th & 8th Blocks, St John's Hospital, Madiwala, SG palya, Jakkasandra Extn TNN

Banned! ...But Not Abolished

Fifty-two years after Karnataka became the first state in India to outlaw manual scavenging, the practice it vowed to abolish continues to survive in its cities and villages. Even as one of the two workers who fell into a tank at a BWSSB sewage treatment plant was found dead and the other is feared dead, govt data shows at least 7,483 manual scavengers across 24 districts. Chethan Kumar & Sanjay Murty's analysis of data from an ongoing survey by the Centre for the Study of Social Inclusion at NLSIU, Karnataka State Safai Karmachari Development Corp, and Karnataka State Commission for Safai Karmacharis, covering 7,122 of them, shows the work remains rooted in caste, poverty, and landlessness, while the rehab promised under the law has reached only a few. Behind every number is a family caught between stigma and neglect.

BENGALURU AT THE CENTRE

1 IN 4 CONCENTRATED IN CAPITAL REGION

Greater Bengaluru Authority (GBA) area and Bengaluru Urban district account for a quarter of all manual scavengers, followed by Mysuru and Kolar. Together, these three districts account for nearly 6 in every 10 identified workers.

District	Manual Scavengers
Bengaluru (GBA + Blr Urban)	1,750
Mysuru	1,381
Kolar	1,224
Mandya	848
Bengaluru South (Ramanagara)	564
Davanagere	402
Chamarajanagar	319
Kalaburagi	213
Raichur	172
Tumakuru	157
Bengaluru Rural	86
Haveri	78
Kodagu	63
Dharwad	60
Hassan	52
Belagavi	42
Shivamogga	27
Yadgir	14
Chikkaballapur	12
Ballari	10
Udupi	3
Bidar	2
Chikkamagaluru	2
Koppal	2

Total (24 districts) 7,483

LITTLE EDUCATION, FEW OPTIONS?

ALMOST HALF ARE ILLITERATE

Educational deprivation remains widespread. More than 44% are illiterate and another quarter studied only up to Class 7. Only two workers in the survey hold a degree.

LIMITED REHABILITATION

CASH REACHED MOST WORKERS, BUT LONG-TERM SUPPORT LAGS

Nine out of 10 received one-time financial assistance. However, other rehabilitation measures under the 2013 law show poor implementation. Only 6% of the workers received houses, and barely anyone obtained sites or underwent self-employment training.

- Received One-Time Cash Assistance: 6,687 (93.9%)
- Did not receive One-Time Cash Assistance: 435 (6.1%)
- Did not get a house as per 2013 Act: 6,704 (94.1%)
- Got a house as per 2013 Act: 418 (5.9%)
- Received site: 176 (2.5%)
- Did not receive site: 6,946 (97.5%)
- Received self-employment training: 244 (3.4%)
- Did not receive self-employment training: 6,878 (96.6%)

7,122 workers support families comprising **28,061** people. Men & women are almost equal in number. **24%** of members are aged under 20, showing how hundreds of children remain vulnerable.

WORKING UNDER PROHIBITION

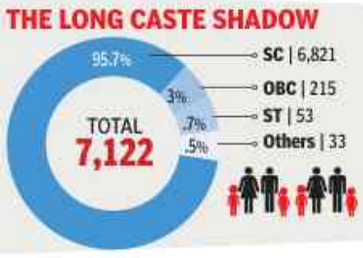
ALMOST ALL STARTED AFTER BAN WAS IMPOSED

Manual scavenging is largely carried out by middle-aged workers. About 60% are above 40 years of age, suggesting that many have spent decades in the occupation. They have not had many opportunities to escape it.

6 in 10 WORKERS ARE MEN

Age groups (years)
- 21-30: 4.9%
- 31-40: 26%
- 41-50: 33%
- 51-60: 22.1%
- 60+: 13.9%

THE LONG CASTE SHADOW

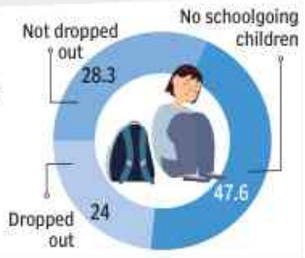


Data highlights the continued link between caste and manual scavenging. Nearly all the workers are from Scheduled Caste communities, and activists say most of them are from only a couple of districts from the neighbouring states of Andhra & Telangana.

CHILDREN PAY THE PRICE

POVERTY DRIVES SCHOOL DROPOUTS

Among households that reported having schoolgoing children, nearly half reported dropouts. Financial distress is the biggest reason, followed by early marriage. All other reasons are negligible.



REASONS FOR DROPPING OUT

Reason	Percentage
Financial / Poverty	56.9
Got married	30.1
Got a job	3.7
Not interested in studies	3
No guarantee of job after studies	2
Other	1
Illness / Disability	0.9
Domestic work / Agricultural work	0.8
Unable to understand lessons	0.4
Wandering	0.3
Unable to secure admission to professional courses	0.2
Parents unwilling	0.2
School timings inconvenient	0.1
School/college is far	0.1
Need to take care of siblings	0.03

CLASS 10 BECOMES A BREAKING POINT

The highest dropout rate is recorded in Class 10, followed by second PUC. The figures suggest the transition to higher secondary education remains a major hurdle for children from these families.

Class	Percentage
1	3.4
2	4.3
3	8.1
4	7.2
5	3.9
6	1.9
7	6.5
8	6
9	7.8
10	25.9
I PUC	4.8
II PUC	20.2

Grade at which students drop out

Graphics | MR Rajashekar

2 months after Bowring wall collapse, work stuck in red tape; KRIDL steps in

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Pics: TOI

FATAL CRASH: A section of the hospital compound wall gave way during heavy rain, killing seven people

Bengaluru: Two months after a section of Bowring Hospital compound wall collapsed in heavy rain, claiming seven lives, the damaged portions remain unrepaired. Officials attributed the delay to administrative hurdles and a change in the agency responsible for the work.

The wall belongs to Atal Bihari Vajpayee Medical College and Research Institute, which functions under the department of medical education. However, civil works on the campus had been entrusted to the engineering wing of the health department.

Acting on directions from the medical education department, the health department's chief engineer prepared an estimate of Rs 55 lakh for reconstructing the 200-metre stretch of the wall. The proposal was submitted along with a request for exemption under Section 4(G) of the Karnataka Transparency in Public Procurements Act to expedite the work. However, the exemption was not granted. Instead, the project was transferred to Karnataka Rural Infrastructure Development (KRIDL), formerly Karnataka Land Army Corporation. KRIDL is exempt from the conventional tendering process for public works valued at up to Rs 2 crore.

Health department chief engineer JR Mukkanna Naik noted they would have required only seven days to invite tenders and three days to evaluate bids and issue a work order. "Had the work remained with us, the reconstruction could have been completed by now," he said.

Medical college officials said they are uncertain about when the wall will be rebuilt. According to Dr HM Srikanth, coordinating officer at the college, KRIDL engineers are conducting soil tests before starting construction.

College girl assaulted by drunk men after phone row

Times News Network

Bengaluru: A late-night gathering at a college student's rented house turned violent after a dispute over accessing a mobile phone, leaving the student injured and prompting a police complaint against six youths.

Sandhya (name changed), 19, a second-year BBA student at a private college, complained to police that she was assaulted and threatened by a group of youths who were guests at a party hosted by her roommate on June 12. Her roommate's guests consumed alcohol at the party. Sandhya did not drink and was having dinner separately. Trouble began at 12.30am when one of the men, Kishore, took her mobile phone and started going through her personal WhatsApp chats. When she objected and demanded that he return her phone, an argument broke out.

The BBA student was allegedly assaulted by some youths who were guests at a party hosted by her roommate on June 12

Sandhya said Kishore claimed to possess her personal videos and private chats. As she attempted to take her phone back and shouted at him, he grabbed her head and slammed it against a wall before punching her on the face. She alleged that the others joined in, pulled her clothes, dragged her and verbally abused her. They also threatened her with dire consequences if she disclosed the incident to anyone.

Fearing for her safety, she contacted helpline 112, following which the accused left the premises. After receiving treatment at a govt hospital, she lodged a complaint on June 15. Byadarahalli police have registered a case.

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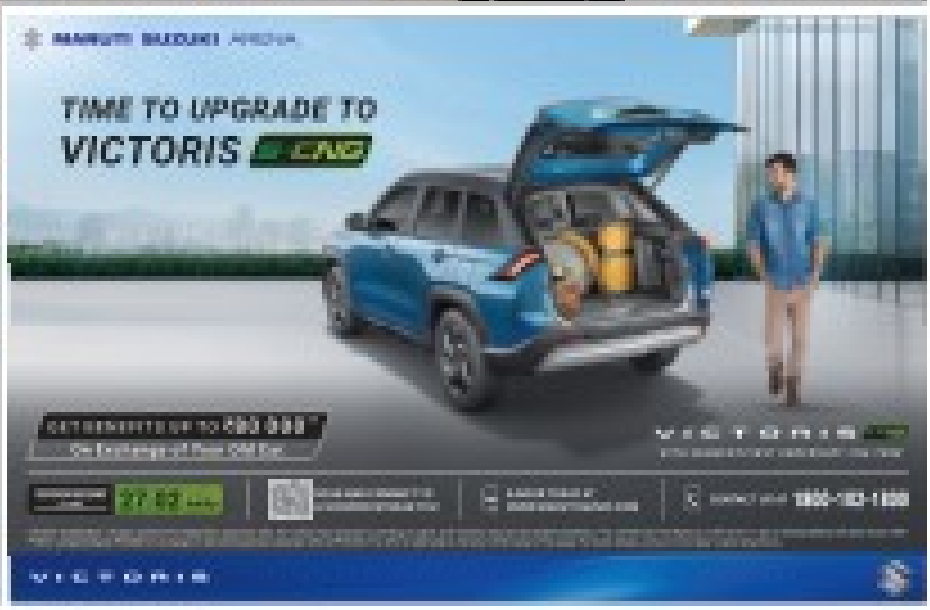
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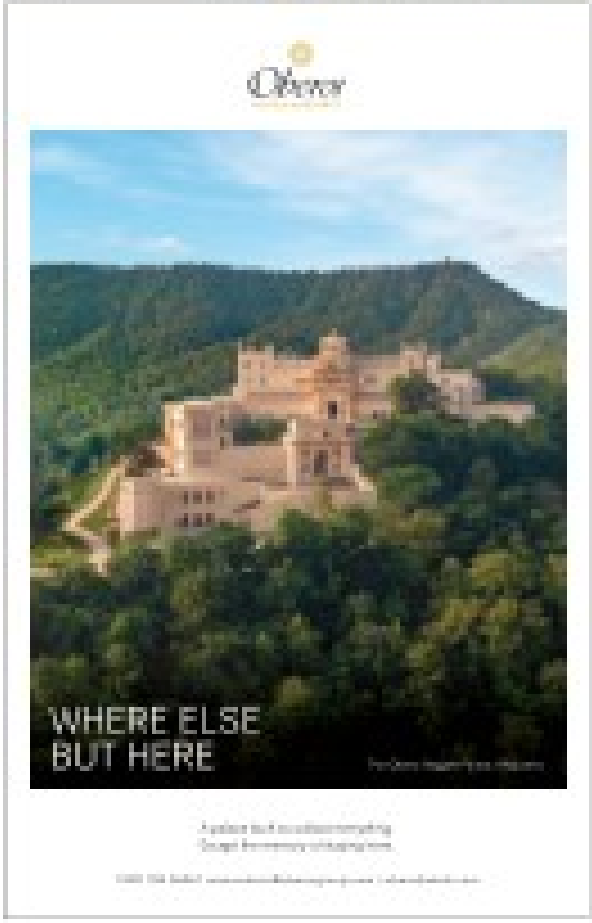
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Cabinet gives 15-day extension for bldgs seeking power sans OC

Structures Constructed Before May 31 Are Eligible

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Bengaluru: The state cabinet Saturday approved a 15-day extension for owners of completed buildings, with or without temporary electricity connections, to avail exemption from the Occupancy Certificate (OC) requirement for obtaining permanent electricity connections.

Chief minister DK Shivakumar said the earlier exemption was applicable only to buildings completed before May 31, 2026, with temporary electricity connections and to those who had already applied for permanent electricity connections.

"Some have pointed out that the earlier provision was not useful as many building owners had failed to apply for electricity connections. Therefore, we will soon issue a govt order granting them an additional 15 days. Owners of buildings constructed before May 31 this year can apply for permanent electricity connections. They must submit their applications along with GPS-enabled photographs of their buildings within 15 days from the date of the govt order," Shivakumar said.

He added that farmers who have constructed buildings for sericulture, dairy farming and cattle sheds will also be exempted from the OC requirement for obtaining permanent electricity connections.

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CM DK Shivakumar says owners must submit their applications along with GPS-enabled photographs of their buildings within 15 days from the date of the govt order for electricity connections

KARNATAKA BHAVAN FOR CIVIL SERVICE ASPIRANTS

In a move aimed at supporting students preparing for UPSC and other competitive examinations, the cabinet approved Rs 80 crore for the construction of Karnataka Bhavan-IV in New Delhi through the Karnataka Bhavan Welfare Board.

Shivakumar said the facility will provide accommodation and study support for aspirants under one roof. Fifty per cent of the seats will be reserved for SC/ST students, while the rest will be available to students from other communities.

REORGANISATION OF DELHI OFFICE

Shivakumar said the cabinet has decided to reorganise the state govt's resident commissioner's office in New Delhi. He added that the govt will constitute a dedicated team of officials to identify and secure more central govt schemes and funding opportunities for Karnataka. The team will study schemes implemented in states such as Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat and other states, and assist departments in applying for central assistance. Senior serving and retired IAS, IFS and IPS officers will be part of the initiative. He also said the govt would strengthen Karnataka's legal wing in Delhi to ensure effective handling of cases pending before the Supreme Court and other courts.

OTHER KEY DECISIONS

Nearly Rs 60 crore is sanctioned for the **purchase of medical equipment** for the Bengaluru Medical Research Institute Hospital.

Approval is given for the purchase of 620 **new buses** at a cost of Rs 235 crore. Of these, 400 buses will be allotted to KSRTC, while 220 buses will be allotted to NWKRTC

Rs 112 crore sanctioned for **setting up electric bus depots** at 11 locations under various state transport corporations

The govt extends the deadline until Oct 31 for farmers to **voluntarily part with land** for the proposed development project in Channarayapatna hobli of Devanahalli taluk

BUS FARE HIKE UNDER CONSIDERATION

Responding to questions on a possible bus fare hike, CM DK Shivakumar said the govt would take a decision keeping public interest in mind.

He noted that there is currently a price difference of nearly Rs 40 per litre between diesel purchased by state transport corporations and private operators. While the earlier policy linked fare revisions to increases in diesel prices, the govt would review the matter before taking a final decision. "I have sought a report on the matter. KSRTC must remain financially viable, but commuters should not be burdened unnecessarily. A decision will be taken after considering public interest," he pointed out.

Overseas Kannadigas seek dedicated NRI secretariat

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> Several states, including Kerala, Punjab and Tamil Nadu, have established dedicated departments to handle NRI affairs from the respective states. Such institutional mechanisms have helped attract investments from the diaspora and provide focused support to overseas residents
>
> **Ronald Colaco** | BUSINESSMAN

Bengaluru: Overseas Kannadigas have urged the Karnataka govt to establish a dedicated secretariat to address issues concerning non-resident Indians (NRIs) from the state.

Representatives of 78 organisations of Kannadiga diaspora Saturday submitted a memorandum to chief minister DK Shivakumar, seeking the creation of a separate department and the appointment of a minister to oversee NRI affairs.

Leading the delegation, businessman Ronald Colaco said a dedicated secretariat would strengthen engagement with the global Kannadiga diaspora, facilitate investments in Karnataka, provide an effective grievance redressal mechanism and address various concerns faced by Kannadigas living abroad.

Addressing a press conference, Colaco said the chief minister had responded positively to the demands raised by non-resident Kannadigas. He said around 18 lakh overseas Kannadigas live across the world and, including second-generation families, the diaspora population is estimated at nearly 25 lakh.

According to Colaco, overseas Kannadigas contribute around 8% of India;s total inward remittances, amounting to an estimated $10–11 billion annually through family remittances, charitable contributions and property purchases. He said that in the last decade, NRIs from Karnataka have invested Rs 8000 crore in various parts of the state, including Bengaluru, Mangaluru, Mysuru and Hubballi.

"Several states, including Kerala, Punjab and Tamil Nadu, have established dedicated departments to handle NRI affairs from respective states. Such institutional mechanisms have helped attract investments from the diaspora and provide focused support to overseas residents. At present, NRIs have to approach multiple govt departments for different issues, which is often cumbersome and time-consuming. A dedicated department would streamline processes, reduce bureaucratic hurdles and improve the ease of doing business for overseas Kannadigas looking to invest in Karnataka," he said.

Colaco and other businessmen urged the govt to appoint MLC Arathi Krishna as the minister of the dedicated department when created.

Representatives said the economic impact of the West Asia conflict has prompted many NRIs to explore investment opportunities in India.

Mohammed Saleem, another businessman, said, "The conflict in West Asia has affected several sectors. As a result, many NRIs are looking to diversify their investments in India as well as in countries such as Singapore and Malaysia. For overseas Kannadigas, Karnataka remains the most preferred destination because of our roots. However, there is a need for a more conducive ecosystem and a mechanism that can make investment processes smoother and hassle-free."

Businessman Hidayath Addoor said, "The establishment of a dedicated NRI secretariat headed by a minister would not only help attract investments from overseas Kannadigas but also facilitate investment inflows from the countries where they reside. Apart from this, the dedicated department would help in addressing the grievances of overseas Kannadigas when they are in distress."

-By Ananya Bhat

Rope in UPSC for interview process: Min

Bengaluru: Rural development and panchayat raj minister Eshwar Khandre has asked officials to entrust UPSC with the interview process for recruitments to Karnataka Rural Infrastructure Development Limited (KRIDL).

During a review meeting Saturday, he said the competitive examination for the recruitment, however, will be conducted through the Karnataka Examinations Authority. The minister also gave an ultimatum to officials to complete community toilet works in rural areas by July, and coordinate with other departments to address undue delays in works.

He warned officials against poor quality of hostels, bridges, roads, drains, community halls, stadiums and bus stands. Works worth more than Rs 50 lakh will be evaluated by third-party agencies, he said. TNN

Avoid traffic-heavy roads today

In the backdrop of numerous events, including International Yoga Day, marathons, and major political programmes held across the city Sunday, police have requested commuters to follow traffic diversions. Police also requested students appearing for NEET exams to start their journey early and reach their centres on time. For more details, contact control rooms at 22943131 or 22943030.

BNCC warns on fake crematorium sites

Bengaluru North City Corpn has urged citizens to use only official govt websites to book slots at electric crematoriums, warning against unauthorised links or websites that may appear in online searches. BNCC has two electric crematoriums — Chirashantidhama at Hebbal Kempapura and Mukthidhama at Medi Agrahara — to provide efficient and dignified last rites services. Citizens can make bookings only through the civic body's official portals. TNN

Will meet BJP president over cross-voting: HDK

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Bengaluru: Union minister and JD(S) state president **HD Kumaraswamy** said Saturday that cross-voting in the Legislative Council elections will not affect his party's alliance with BJP.

He also said he will hold a meeting with BJP president Nitin Nabin on cross-voting and update him on the JD(S) position.

He said some instances of cross-voting were influenced by local pressures and development-related issues in constituencies over the last three years.

Kumaraswamy alleged that attempts were made to influence legislators by offering inducements, including promises of Rs 50 crore for legislators and Rs 100 crore in development grants for voting in favour of a Congress candidate. He said the BJP-JD(S) alliance had expected a consolidated support base, but some legislators did not remain firm.

He said that cross-voting incidents would be reviewed and appropriate action would be taken, and that internal discipline would be strengthened ahead of future elections, including the 2028 assembly polls.

Meanwhile, Mysuru MP Yaduveer Wadiyar said the cross-voting by a few BJP legislators will not impact the party functioning.

"The party has taken the matter seriously. There is a system in place to identify those who indulged in cross-voting, and we will trace them," he said.

Mekedatu will serve interest of both TN, K'taka: Reddy

Bengaluru: Water resources minister R Ramalinga Reddy said Saturday that Karnataka has 19 tmcft of water in its Cauvery basin reservoirs of which only 3 tmcft is meant for agriculture. He said 2 tmcft of water was released to neighboring Tamil Nadu as of June 18.

The total water to be released as of June was 9.2 tmcft.

"Had we constructed the Mekedatu reservoir, we could have saved enough water for TN this time too," said Reddy, chiding the TN CM Joseph Vijay for seeking stoppage of the proposed dam project.

Reddy said a total of 19 tmcft of water was to be given to TN but there was just not enough water to release.

"Of the 19 tmcft of water, 16 tmcft is for drinking purposes," he said.

Reddy said TN had approached the Supreme Court seeking scrapping of the Mekedatu project but its application and then its review petition were both scrapped.

> **DPR (for Mekedatu) is ready and we are considering moving forward. We do not want a single drop of additional water which has been allocated to TN**
>
> **RAMALINGA REDDY**
> Water resources minister

"The DPR is ready and we are considering moving forward. We do not want a single drop of additional water which has been allocated to TN," said Reddy.

The water resources minister said he met the central Jal Shakti minister and discussed the issues related to Mekedatu and also Mahaday. "If we sit and discuss, TN farmers will also benefit from this decision. Going to the court will not resolve issues," said Reddy, urging TN administration to come to talks.

Case over 'defaming' CM on JD(S) FB page

Bengaluru: Based on the complaint filed by an advocate from the city, cops have booked unidentified persons who allegedly defamed chief minister DK Shivakumar through a 'Kumaraswamy for CM' post on social media.

The FIR was registered with Sadashivnagar police station under different sections of the IT Act. According to the complaint, the post was uploaded on the official Facebook page of JD(S). "The post, under the tagline 'Kumaraswamy For CM' with a fake video generated by artificial intelligence, shows chief minister DK Shivakumar moving around the city at night with cloth wrapped on the face and pasting posters on the wall. However, the video is said to have been deleted soon after the FIR was lodged," a senior police officer said.

INVESTIGATION ONGOING

"We have issued notice to the persons who are in charge of the Facebook account of JD(S), asking them to provide details of the post, video and persons who uploaded it," an investigating officer said. TNN

Trader ends life, cites false atrocity cases

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Bengaluru: A 42-year-old street vendor died by suicide in Kadugodi shortly after midnight on Friday, alleging that he had been repeatedly implicated in false cases under the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act as part of an extortion scheme.

The deceased, identified as **Papanna**, was a resident of Channasandra and earned his livelihood by selling flowers and vegetables, police said. Hours before taking the extreme step, he recorded a two-minute video detailing his alleged ordeal. In the video, he claimed that Jogi Seena and others from AGK Layout in Kadugodi had recently filed a case against him and his sister, Bhagya, under the SC/ST Act.

Papanna further alleged that the same individuals had filed a similar atrocity case against him in 2021. According to him, the case was withdrawn only after he paid Rs 10 lakh to Jogi Seena and others. Police have launched an investigation into the allegations and the circumstances surrounding his death.

> **In a video, Papanna said he paid Rs 10 lakh to some individuals to close a false atrocity case, but yet another demand was made in a similar matter**

"Seena and others are demanding Rs 10 lakh again to close the case. I'm a poor vendor. From where can I bring so much money? Jogi Seena and others don't work to earn their livelihood. Instead, they register false atrocity cases on people like me and make money. I request police to initiate action against them. Also, I request police to save my sister Bhagya, who is also a victim of the gang," Papanna stated in the video.

Papanna shared the video with his sister Bhagya and others late Friday night and then consumed poison. Though Bhagya and others rushed to Papanna's residence, he was dead by then, police said. A police officer said they have arrested Jogi Seena and three more persons. "We will arrest others soon," he said.

Poor roadwork: Engr suspended

Bengaluru: A quality inspection ordered by the newly appointed Bengaluru development minister, Krishna Byre Gowda, has led to the suspension of an assistant engineer and the blacklisting of a contractor after road asphalting works in Sampangirama Nagar were found substandard.

An order issued by Bengaluru Central City Corporation Saturday stated that inspections of arterial and sub-arterial roads being asphalted under the infrastructure programme in ward 110 found the contractor had failed to maintain the prescribed proportion and thickness of the asphalt layer. Officials said the works were not executed according to approved specifications.

Assistant engineer Pujarappa, who supervised the works, was suspended with immediate effect pending a departmental inquiry under the Karnataka Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules, 1957. Action has also been initiated to blacklist the contractor.

The move comes days after the minister said road quality would be a top priority under Greater Bengaluru Authority's road improvement programme. "The work was found to be substandard. Sadly, the officer is suspended and the contractor penalised," he said. TNN

Move may help DKS shake off anti-incumbency

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Seen as part of Shivakumar's effort to craft a people-centric image as the new CM, the grievance redressal department is expected to help the govt shake off anti-incumbency that is believed to have accumulated over the last three years.

He clarified that the department would not merely act as a communications channel, but would actively work towards resolving public grievances.

"People often submit memorandums and representations, seeking solutions to their problems. These are presented either directly to the govt or through the ministers. People also submit their demands while staging protests. The minister in charge of the Prajaseva Department will now review all such applications and take steps to resolve those," Shivakumar said.

The department cannot simply postpone decisions on grievances, but must work towards resolutions, he further clarified.

He said district in-charge ministers will be responsible for resolving public grievances in coordination with the new department. They will have to visit at least one assembly constituency every week and hold "Jana Samparka" (public outreach) meetings in coordination with local MLAs.

On the proposed NRI department for Kannadigas, the ministers felt that limiting its scope only to Kannadigas residing abroad would restrict its effecacy. Instead, they suggested the department be granted a broader mandate to attract foreign investment to Karnataka and promote the state's image globally.

"The cabinet felt that more time was needed to establish a dedicated department to take Karnataka to the world," health minister UT Khader said.

HC pulls up civic agency over TDR delay

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Bengaluru: In a sharp rebuke to the erstwhile Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP), now known as Greater Bengaluru Authority (GBA), Karnataka high court has directed the civic body to issue Transferable Development Rights (TDR) certificates within three months to landowners whose property was taken and used for road formation more than a decade ago.

Justice M Nagaprasanna passed the order on a petition filed by landowners whose nearly two acres in Hoskerehalli village, Uttarahalli hobli, Bengaluru South taluk, were notified for acquisition on Jan 6, 2012. The petitioners executed relinquishment deeds on April 3, 2012, following which the land was used by BBMP for road development. The court expressed strong displeasure over the delay in granting compensation. "Today a citizen is stripped of his lands and has been waiting for 14 long years without compensation or TDR," Justice Nagaprasanna observed, noting that the acquisition notification itself promised TDR once relinquishment deeds were executed.

The petitioners argued that they were entitled to TDR equivalent to 1.5 times the extent of land surrendered. They contended that the relinquishment deeds were binding on BBMP as they were signed by the additional commissioner on behalf of the commissioner.

BBMP opposed the claim, arguing that the land was never formally acquired and alleging that certain officials had colluded with the petitioners to create TDR. It contended that the relinquishment deeds were wrongly executed and therefore could not be acted upon. Rejecting the defence, the court noted that the relinquishment deeds were registered documents signed by BBMP's authorised officer. "After years of execution of relinquishment deeds, BBMP puts up a defence ... that it was an error of execution by its officers and therefore, the deeds are not to be acted upon. The said submission, to say the least, is preposterous," the judge said.

JUSTICE NAGAPRASANNA SAYS

It would have been an altogether different circumstance if the relinquishment deeds had been sought to be cancelled by the BBMP at any time till today. The relinquishment deeds stand intact.

The court pointed out that the civic body had never sought cancellation of the relinquishment deeds. Justice Nagaprasanna also questioned BBMP's claim of fraud, observing that it had failed to explain what action was taken against senior officials involved in the process. Suspending an executive engineer without further action, the court remarked, "It speaks volumes of the eye-wash action taken by BBMP."

The judge observed that if the govt genuinely believed the deeds were fraudulent, action should have been initiated against all responsible officers long ago. "When nothing is done, a humble citizen is put to jeopardy," the court said.

Holding that landowners could not be made to suffer for alleged lapses by civic officials, the court allowed the petition and directed GBA to issue the TDR certificates within three months.

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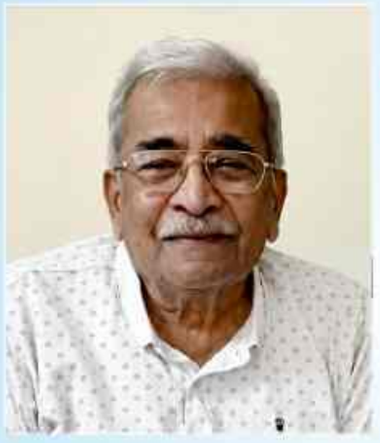

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Leopard scare: School closed, 28 kids stay home

Udaya Sagar | TNN

Chikkamagaluru/ Shivamogga: Fear of leopard attacks has forced a govt school near the fringes of the Bhadra Tiger Reserve in Chikkamagaluru district to shut down, leaving 28 children confined to their homes for the past 10 days. The situation has sparked criticism of forest and revenue officials for their alleged indifference.

The crisis began on June 9 when a leopard allegedly emerged from dense vegetation and chased a group of students returning from Bairapura Govt Higher Primary School in Narasimharajapura taluk. Though the children escaped unharmed, frightened parents withdrew all 28 students and 13 anganwadi children from classes.

The children from Marathi Camp and Chowdikatte villages travel 1.5km through the buffer zone of the Bhadra Tiger Reserve to reach school. Headmaster Krishnamurthy said the class 1–7

NEAR BHADRA RESERVE

school now stands deserted. Villagers say frequent wildlife encounters have made daily activities, including accessing ration shops, healthcare and education, risky.

Following public outrage, Sringeri MLA TD Rajegowda chaired a meeting on the issue. Authorities have proposed a 2km alternative road outside the reserve, estimated to cost Rs 40 lakh to Rs 1.5 crore, but no immediate solution has emerged.

While the forest department has installed a trap cage for the leopard, residents say it does little to address their safety concerns.

She went for her mother's death cert, got her own

Basavaraj Maralihalli | TNN

Haveri: In a bizarre case of bureaucratic negligence, Shiggaon taluk administration in Haveri district declared a living woman dead, leading to the cancellation of her Aadhaar card, ration card, and widow pension.

Shivagangavva Tallalli of Attigeri village had approached officials to obtain the death certificate of her mother, Shankravva. Instead, the authorities issued a death certificate in Shivagangavva's name. The blunder surfaced when Shivagangavva visited a bank to withdraw her monthly widow pension of Rs 14,000, only to be informed that the payment had been stopped because official records showed her as deceased.

"I went to collect my mother's death certificate, but they issued one in my name. My son's friend noticed the mistake. When my son questioned the officials, they tore up the certificate," Shivagangavva said.

Although the administration corrected the error and issued a certificate in her mother's name a week later, Shivagangavva continues to struggle with restoring her cancelled documents and welfare benefits. "My Aadhaar card has been cancelled too. Everywhere I go, officials point to my 'death certificate'," she said. Shiggaon tahsildar Yallappa said the error had been rectified but clarified that Shivagangavva would have to approach the respective departments to restore her Aadhaar and ration card. Her son, Basavaraj, said the family has fallen into debt because of the suspension of her pension, and demanded justice.

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NTA says Abu Dhabi choice made via aspirant's login, family contests claim

Manash Gohain & Sarfaraz Ahmed | TNN

Nagpur/New Delhi: The National Testing Agency rebutted the allegation that a NEET aspirant from Nagpur was allotted an examination centre in Abu Dhabi, even as the family of 18-year-old Abdullah Abu Talib stuck to their charge against the examination agency. Education ministry officials criticised leader of opposition Rahul Gandhi for amplifying the episode hours before the test without first verifying the facts, saying his intervention could add to candidates' anxiety.

Faced with criticism, NTA, which allotted Ajni Kendriya Vidyalaya to Talib, said its "records establish that the choice of Abu Dhabi was made by the applicant himself using the registered login. It was previewed twice using the same login".

Talib's family contested the claim. "Our application still reflects Nagpur, Bhandara and Wardha as preferred examination cities. My son doesn't even have a passport, why should we even think of Abu Dhabi. We have

Ministry officials criticised Congress MP Rahul Gandhi for amplifying the episode hours before the test without first verifying the facts

records of the submitted form that clearly show these choices to negate NTA's claim. The change in centre was made on Saturday."

NTA claimed it observed that on three occasions—the centre was changed to Abu Dhabi using candidate's credentials, and twice it was previewed that the centre is Abu Dhabi. Despite that, NTA accepted the NEET aspirant's request and changed the centre.

An NTA source confirmed to TOI that "it has conducted an extensive investigation on the claim and that it was found that the changes were made through Airtel connection and from the Nagpur location of the candidate. However, we allowed a change of the centre to Nagpur even after that so that the candidate's interest is safeguarded. However, such instances will be investigated further post the retest." According to NTA, web-activity records showed a consistent single-user access pattern.

After rescheduling of NEET (UG) 2026 to June 21, NTA reopened the examination-city correction window to assist candidates. Around 3.2 lakh candidates used the correction window, and NTA said it allotted the preferred exam city to over 99.5% of them.

After 2024 leak, J'khand boosts NEET shield

Ranchi: Multi-layered security and inspections marked preparations for Sunday's NEET-UG retest in Jharkhand, where a Hazaribag school was one of the epicentres of a 2024 leak in the medical entrance test. With around 36,000 candidates set to appear for the test this time across eight cities and nearly 90 centres, the administration has rolled out an extensive plan to ensure a glitch-free, fair and malpractice-free exam. TNN

22.8 lakh to take NEET (UG) re-test today across India

81% Candidates In 17-20 Age Group, 17% Between 21 And 24 Years

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Mumbai: A total of 22.8 lakh students from across India, who were issued hall tickets for NEET (UG) 2026 re-exam, will take the medical entrance test on Sunday.

Data from the National Testing Agency shows that 81% of the candidates are in the age-group of 17 to 20, 17% are between the ages of 21 and 24 years and 4,133 are above 35. The pool of retest takers comprises 13.3 lakh female and 9.5 lakh male candidates.

Uttar Pradesh once again accounts for the largest share of candidates at 3.6 lakh, followed by Maharashtra's 2.2 lakh. Rajasthan, Bihar, Karnataka and Tamil Nadu each have well over one lakh aspirants. Together, these six states account for nearly half of the total number of candidates.

The figures also underline the growing prominence of Rajasthan as a medical coaching hub. With more than 2 lakh candidates, the state ranked third nationally, ahead of several larger and more populous regions. Bihar's share of 1.6 lakh candidates further highlights the intense demand for medical education across northern India, where competition for limited govt medical seats remains exceptionally fierce.

Southern states continued to maintain a strong presence. Karnataka has registered 1.5 lakh candidates, closely followed by Tamil Nadu (1.4 lakh), Kerala 1.1 lakh and Telangana more than 73,000 aspirants. Perhaps the most striking trend, however, emerges from the language data. Of the 22.8 lakh candidates, nearly 18.1 lakh, that is almost four out of every five aspirants, will take the examination in English.

Hindi was a distant second with 3.5 lakh candidates. All other languages together accounted for a relatively small fraction of registrations. Gujarati recorded the highest number among regional languages with nearly 50,000 candidates, followed by Bengali (38,577) and Tamil (29,845). Marathi, Telugu, Malayalam, Punjabi, Kannada and Odia together accounted for only a few thousand candidates.

At the other end of the spectrum, UTs and northeastern states contributed modest but significant numbers.

Security arrangements being check at at a govt school in Jaipur

'Paper' shown on video call, probe on

An unidentified caller allegedly showed a question paper on a video call to a NEET aspirant in Ajmer Saturday and demanded Rs 30,000 in exchange for it, prompting police to launch an investigation. Police sources said initial assessment suggested it could be a fraud attempt aimed at cheating students. TNN

Digital marking: CBSE to consult stakeholders

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New Delhi: The fate of CBSE's controversial on-screen marking (OSM) system hangs in the balance. The board will decide whether to continue with it for Class XII exams in 2027 and possibly extend it to Class X only after consulting key stakeholders, including students, teachers, and parents. Sources said wider consultations are planned before the board finalises the future of digital answer-script evaluation.

OSM was introduced for Class XII this year, replacing physical evaluation with computer-based evaluation of scanned answer books.

Discussions are expected to begin after the Class XII verification and re-evaluation process is completed and the results of the first-ever Class X second board examinations are declared. While experts will also review the system, education ministry officials said feedback from those directly affected by its rollout will carry significant weight.

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टैलीफैक्स– 0135–2522941, ई–मेल–bridcul@gmail.com, CIN No - U45203UR2008SGC032591
Ref : 972/BRIDCUL-969(Elect)/26 E-Tendering Dated: 20/06/2026
On behalf of Hon'ble, Governor of Uttarakhand, E-Tenders are invited by Managing Director BRIDCUL, from the Contractors registered with any Govt./Semi Govt./PSU/Nigam in suitable Class & Category for the works given as below:-

S. No.	Ref No.	Name of Project	Estimated Cost (in lac including GST)	Earnest Money (in Lac)	Cost of Tender Document (in Rs.)	Time Period
1	BRIDCUL/ HQ HLD/ 11/2026-27)	Miscellaneous Civil & Electrical works (STP, WTP, Fire Fighting, External Electrical, Kitchen Equipment, Furniture & Fountain for Working Women Hostel at Fulsungi & Transit Camp, Rudrapur.	2222.02	44.45	5000+ 18% GST	18 Months

For above tenders, document download start date is 25.06.2026 and Bid submission end date is 10.07.2026 at 1500 Hrs. The details of e-tender of above works can be obtained directly from website https://uktenders.gov.in
Changes, if any will be intimated only through website https://uktenders.gov.in
General Manager (Civil)

10001/295/2627
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Odisha State Medical Corporation Limited (OSMCL)
In front of Ram Mandir, Convent Square, Unit - III, Bhubaneswar -751 001
Tel.: (0674) 2380950,Website: https://osmcl.odisha.gov.in, Email: drugs-osmcl@od.gov.in
Bid Ref. No.: OSMCL/2026-27/ OTH-DHS-I/03 Date: 20/06/2026
Online Bids through e-Tender portal (https://tendersodisha.gov.in) are invited from eligible bidders for supply of Insecticides and Larvicides as per the particulars mentioned below:

Sl. No.	Particulars	Date and time	
1.	Date & time of release of bid	20/06/2026, 3 PM	
2.	Date & time for submission of queries by E-Mail id - drugs-osmcl@od.gov.in	23/06/2026, up to 5:00 PM	
3.	Date & time of Online bid submission	Start Date & Time	End Date & Time
		25/06/2026, 3 PM	17/07/2026, 6.00 PM
4.	Date & time for submission of Tender Documents, Tender Document Fee and EMD amount as per section-IV of tender document	Start Date & Time	End Date & Time
		18/07/2026, 10 AM	27/07/2026, 11.00 AM
5.	Date & time of online Technical bid opening	27/07/2026, 11:30 AM	
6.	Date of opening of Price Bid	To be informed to the qualified bidders	

The bid document with all information relating to the bidding process including cost of bid document, EMDs, Prequalification criteria and terms & conditions are available in the websites: https://osmcl.odisha.gov.in and https://tendersodisha.gov.in The Authority reserves the right to accept / reject any part thereof or all the bids without assigning any reason thereof. All notice will be published in the website OSMCL https://osmcl.odisha.gov.in. Hence the bidders are requested to visit OSMCL website https://osmcl.odisha.gov.in time to time for any published notice against the tender.
Sd/- Managing Director OSMC Ltd.,Odisha
OIPR-10001/10112/1/26-27/0004

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Place : Bengaluru
Deputy Chief Electrical Engineer Gati Shakti Unit, Bengaluru
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GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
Public Works Department
Executive Engineer PWD Division Chikkodi
No/PWD/CKD DIV/AE-1/TENDER/2026-27/1699 DATE: 18/06/2026
Short Term E-Tender Notification
Executive Engineer PWD Division Chikkodi has invited item wise short term e-Tenders from Eligible registered contractors for the works coming under the jurisdiction of Chikodi PWD Division 1 works under head of account 4059-SCP Total 2 no and 4059-TSP Total 2 No and 4059 KRDCL 2 works Totally 6 No. of works. Amount put to tender is minimum of Rs. 80.00 Lakhs and maximum of Rs. 792.00 Lakhs.
Calendar of events:
1)Pre-bid meeting date: 08-07-2026 at 11.00 AM, at The O/o the under signed. 2)Last date for queries & clarifications : 10-07-2026 up to 5.30 PM, 3)Last Date of Receipt of Bids : 13-07-2026 up to 5.00 PM, 4)Date of opening of Technical bids (Two Cover System): 15-07-2026 at 4.30 PM, 5)Date of opening of Financial bids (Two Cover System): "after approval of Technical bids", 6)If no bid received auto extension will be done by e-proc itself for 2 days.
For more information & forms of tender can be downloaded from kppp.karnataka.gov.in & departmental web site www.kpwd.gov.in. Further details can be collected from O/o Executive Engineer Public Works Dept.,Division Chikkodi during working hours.
Sd/- Executive Engineer PWD Division Chikodi.
DIPR/BGM/RO-NO-467/KSMCA/2026-27

Karnataka Renewable Energy Development Limited
(A Government of Karnataka Undertaking)
#6/13/1, 10th Block, 2nd Stage, Nagarabhavi, Bengaluru - 560072.
Ph-080-22282220, E-mail:kredlmd@gmail.com,
Website: www.kredl.karnataka.gov.in
No.KREDL/07/SG/F-1992/2025-26 Date: 21.06.2026
E-TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through KPP Portal https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in/)
Mode of Bidding: Open tender, Single stage two envelope.
Karnataka Renewable Energy Development Limited (KREDL), Government of Karnataka undertaking hereby invites Tender for Selection of Engineering, Procurement and Construction (EPC) Contractor for Design, Fabrication, Supply, Installation, Testing, Commissioning of 300kW Hydrogen plant with comprehensive Operation & Maintenance for 10 years at KPCL-Bellary Thermal Power Station(BTPS) premises, Bellary District in Karnataka. Bid documents will be available in the e-procurement Portal https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in/ on orafter 22.06.2026 and last date for bid submission is 21.07.2026. Details are also available in KREDL website. Further amendments if any, shall only be notified in the portal. (Note: KREDL reserves the right to cancel the bidding process and invite fresh bids without liability or obligation for such invitation and without assigning any reasons. Any further modifications will only be notified in https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in & KREDL websites only).
Sd/- Assistant General Manager-SG, KREDL

Government of Karnataka
Public Works Department
Office of the Executive Engineer,
Mysuru Division, Mysuru.
E-mail: eepwdmys21@gmail.com
Phone No. & Fax No. 0821-2420810
IFT No. 05/CALL-2/2026-27 Dt.16.06.2026
ITEM WISE TENDER NOTIFICATION
On behalf of the Governor of Karnataka, Executive Engineer, Public Works Department has re-published item wise Tender notification for 02 works approved under 5054-04-337-0-01-154-MDR Improvements with KW-4 Conditions & Regulations with Two cover systems. The Minimum Amount Put to Tender is Rs.143.19 Lakhs and EMD amount is Rs.2.15 Lakhs. The Maximum Amount Put to Tender is Rs.199.31 Lakhs and EMD amount is Rs.2.99 Lakhs. Pre bid Meeting will be held in the undersigned office at 11.00 A.M on 25.06.2026. Tenders shall be Submitted in KPP-Portal (https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in) from 17.06.2026 to 02.07.2026 within 17.00 PM. Period for completion will be 04 months (including monsoon) Only eligible KPWD Contractor Registered in the KPP-Portal shall participate. More details can be obtained from the office of the under Signed during office hours. Any amendments or modifications in tender notification will be published in KPP-Portal Only.
DIPR/DDMYS/355/KSMCA/237/2026-27 Sd/- Executive Engineer

CAUVERY NEERAVARI NIGAMA LIMITED
(A Govt. of Karnataka Enterprise)
Office of the Executive Engineer, Hemavathy Canal Division, Yediyur-572 142. Ph: 7338590199
E-mail:eeyediyur1@gmail.com
No.08/2026-27 Date: 17.06.2026
KPPP SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION
(TWO COVER SYSTEM) (Through KPPP only)
On the behalf of the Managing Director, CNNL, Bangalore, the Executive Engineer, CNNL, Hemavathi Canal. Division, Yediyur the undersigned invites tender on item rate basis from contractors for 2 Works.
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For more information contact www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in.
Sd/- Executive Engineer, Hemavathy Canal Division, CNNL, Yediyur.
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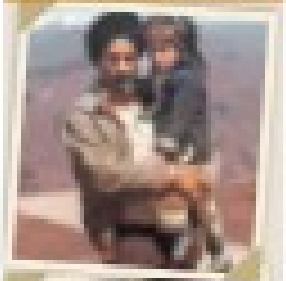

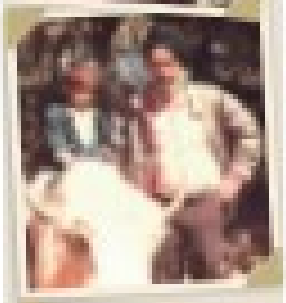

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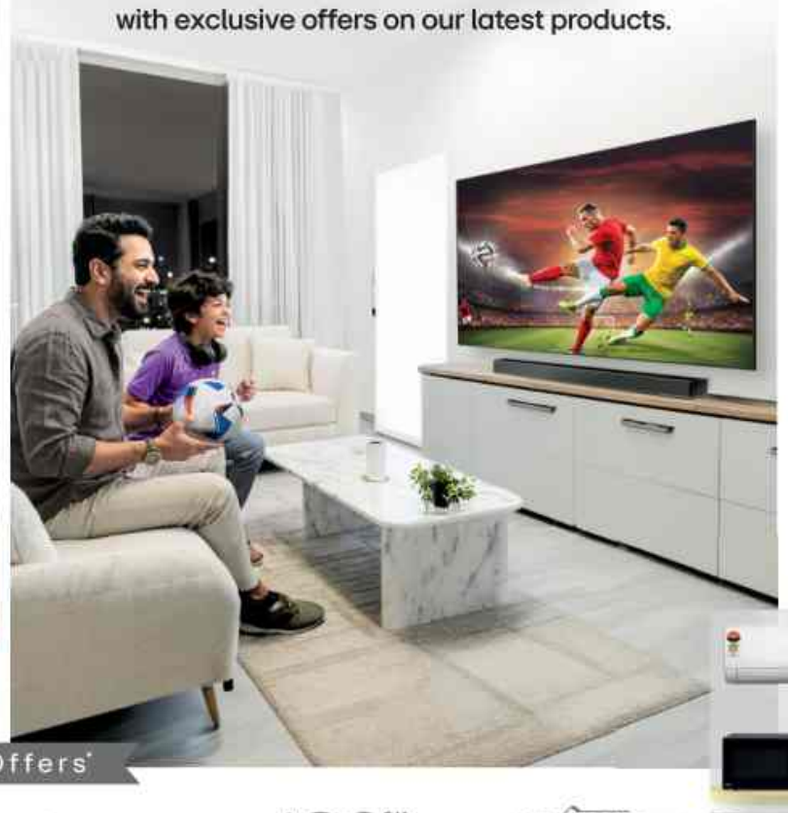

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Starting with the classic that got me through school:
"Beta... samajhne ke liye padho... marks apne aap aa jayenge."

And your very serious biology lesson:
"Khaana time pe khaya karo. Pet humara 'second brain' hai."

Sometimes it was not an advice, it was a dad joke.
"Car mein agar koi paaltu billi ja rahi hai toh usse
kya bolenge? Car-pet!"

I may have rolled my eyes at your advice then,
but they made me ready for the world.
Like when I told you what I wanted to do in life, and you said,

"Zindagi mein hamesha aage badhte rehna...
apni asli pehchaan ke saath."

I know you worry, but Papa, listen...
It's you who taught me how to fly.

First, by holding me up
And then, by letting me go.
And I know this... even on the days I forget to fly,
I won't fall, because you'll be there.

Love,
Papa's Little Princess, always! ♡

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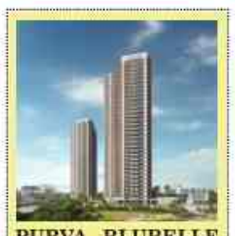

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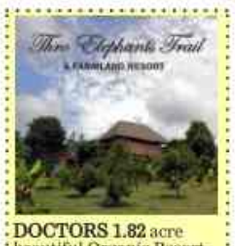

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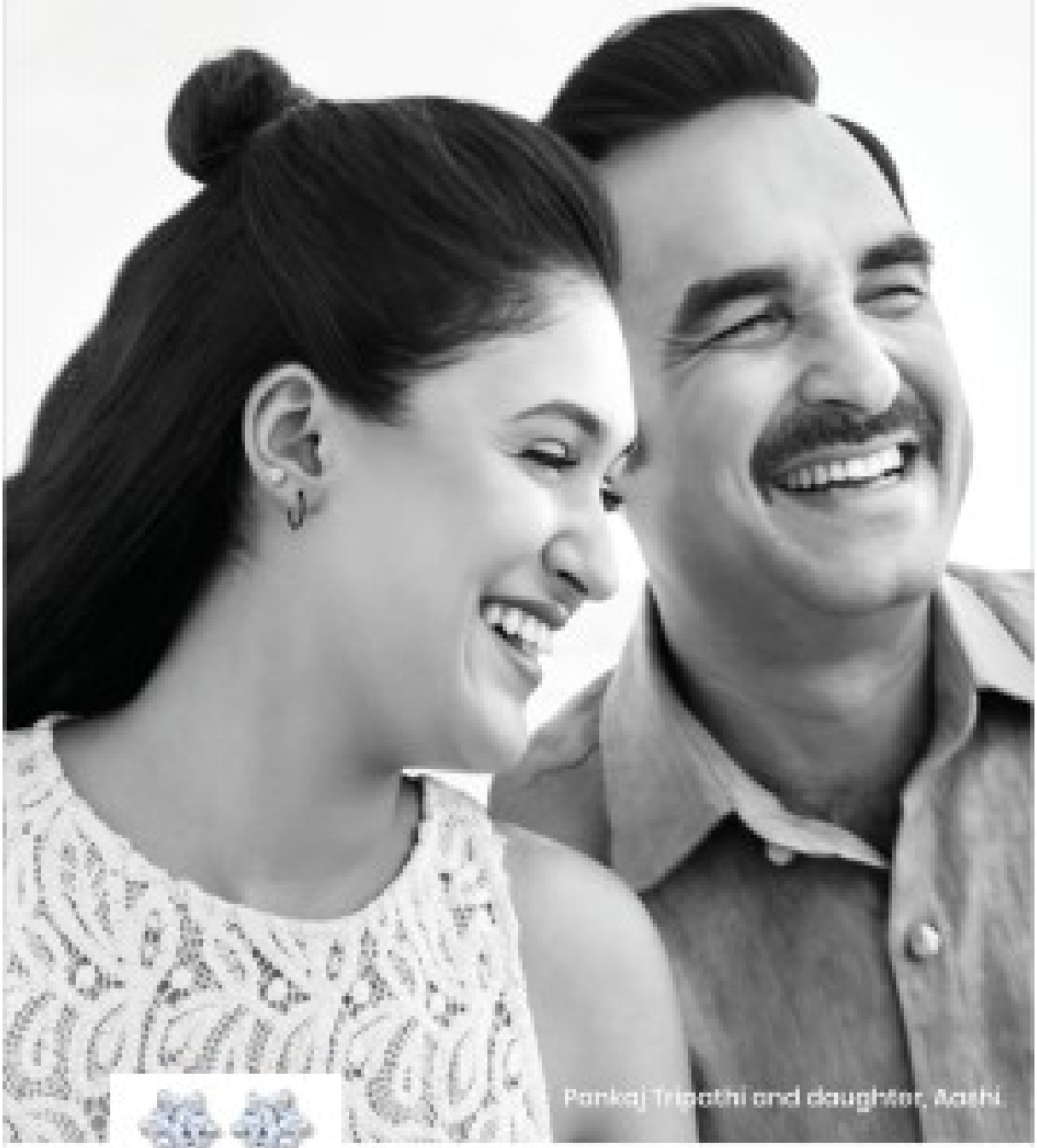

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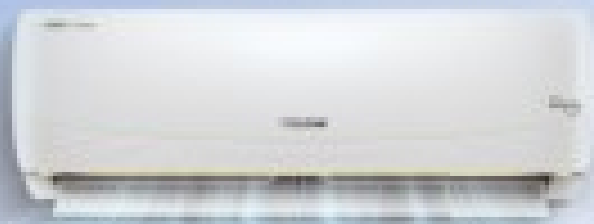

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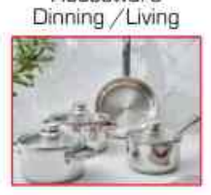

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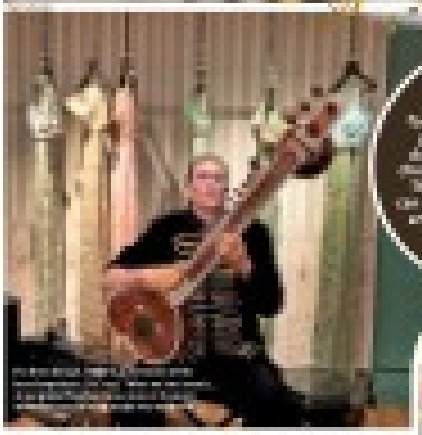

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Short Term Tender Corrigendum Notification No. 05-1/2026-27 Dt. 15.06.2026

With reference to this office Tender Notification No. 05/2026-27 Dt. 27.05.2026 for serial no.(1) and (5) works corrigendum is issued with the calendar of events as mentioned below: **Corrigendum details: (1)** Pre bid meeting will be scheduled at the office of Executive Engineer, PWD Division, near court circle, Kolar: **18.06.2026 at 11.00 am. (2)** Last Date and Time for Tender Queries/Clarifications: **25.06.2026 on or before 5.30 pm. (3)** Last Date and Time for Receipt of Tenders: **29.06.2026 on or before 4.00 pm. (4)** Date and Time for Opening of Technical Bid: **30.06.2026 after 4.30 pm** Tender documents may be downloaded from the KPP portal of the Government of Karnataka. **Note:** all other conditions of tender notification remain unaltered. **Special condition:** Any changes in tender process will not be published in newspaper. Changes will be published in e-portal only

Sd/- Executive Engineer, PWD Kolar Division, Kolar

DIPR/KOLAR/R.O.NO:125/KSMCA/2026-27

Centre bans 16 drug combos over safety, efficacy concerns

Action Follows SC-Directed Review Of Medicines Sold

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Officials said the latest action is part of a continuing effort to promote rational use of medicines. State drug regulators have been directed to ensure strict implementation of the ban

New Delhi: The Centre has banned 16 fixed-dose combination (FDC) medicines, including certain antibiotic, pain-relief and skin-treatment products, after expert panels found that they lacked therapeutic justification and were not supported by scientific evidence.

The health ministry on Saturday prohibited the manufacture, sale and distribution of these medicines with immediate effect under the Drugs and Cosmetics Act.

The action follows a Supreme Court-directed review of fixed-dose combinations sold in the country. As part of the exercise, the Drugs Technical Advisory Board (DTAB) set up an expert committee to examine whether such drug combinations were scientifically justified and safe for patients. Based on the committee's recommendations, the govt concluded that 16 combinations were irrational and that their continued use was not considered beneficial in relation to the potential risks involved.

The banned products include combinations containing antibiotics such as amoxicillin, cefuroxime and cefadroxyl, medicines used for pain relief and abdominal cramps, and several aloe vera-based dermatological preparations.

Among the combinations prohibited are Amoxicillin + Serratiopeptidase, Amoxicillin + Serratiopeptidase + Lactobacillus Sporogenes, Cefuroxime + Serratiopeptidase, Cefadroxyl + Probenecid, Dicyclomine + Paracetamol + Clidinium Bromide + Chlordiazepoxide, and a number of aloe vera-based skin formulations.

According to the ministry, expert committees found that the available scientific evidence did not support the use of these combinations. The govt said the move is aimed at ensuring that only safe, effective and scientifically validated medicines remain available to the public. Officials said the latest action is part of a continuing effort to promote rational use of medicines.

5 killed as roof of temple collapses in Maha village

Prasad.Joshi@timesofindia.com

Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar: Opened to devotees before it was structurally complete, an under-construction Hanuman temple in Maharashtra's Parbhani district turned into a death trap on Saturday afternoon when its roof suddenly collapsed, killing five people and injuring 18 others, at Yashwadi in Manavat taluka.

Parbhani collector Sanjaysinh Chavan has ordered a structural audit and an official inquiry, and banned further entry into the temple. "The sanctum sanctorum was ready, but the outer structure was still under construction. Heavy marble blocks used for the roof and adjoining structures suddenly collapsed," he told **TOI**.

The deceased were identified as residents of Parbhani, and Shrikrushna Gaware from Chinchwadgaon in Beed district of the state. CCTV footage of the accident was circulated widely on social media, drawing a large number of people to the spot and forcing police to step in for crowd control.

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BY CASTE

BRAHMIN

SM4 48/6' B.Tech+MBA Brahmin boy, l'less divorcee, wkg abroad in MNC, veg, teetotaller, non-maglik. shubhmurari36@gmail.com

B.TECH /PG (BITS), Sarjupari Brahmin 25/ 5'9", job, only son,Teetotaler. Father Eng Business, Mother Dr. seeks Prof. Qual btfl girl 8424085123

PQM4 BTech MBA ISB 31yr 5'10"Teetotaler NonSmoking posted Gurugram CTC 40 LPA boy. All upper caste welcome. Send biodata to 7060884999.

ALLIANCE invited frm girls of any State for our son B.Com MBA 1988/6'3" doing own B'nes Puducherry (Pondicherry) # 9894750160

WANTED BRIDE
35 Year Old Brahmin Boy. Management Graduate from World's best Management College. University Topper & Record Holder. Managing Big Family Business. Belongs to Central India
Mob.: 9183128845

KAYASTHA

KAYASTHA USA based professional, 35 yrs, Divorced (1-yr short marriage, no kids). IIT Engineer, USA PhD, work visa. Seeking Prof Qual bride, open to relocate. csinha1001@gmail.com

WANTED Kayastha working girl for B.Tech, MBA boy in Bangalore. Born in 2000, working as a Manager (16 LPA). +919038992482

MANAGER Big4 consulting, Bangalore 31/5'2" Engg MBA, Srivastava, Non-Manglik. Seeks proff. qlfd. girl willing to relocate. Contact: 9582546668

SRIV. Feb'80/ 5'11" BTech, MS, PhD., MNC, Bangluru (Mutual Divorced) Lko. family seeks Prof. Qlfd. Girl. Caste No Bar. Send BHP at 8127856898

1984 Born,Karan,5' 9",BTech IITD,60+lpa Delhi,Veg. Share biodata -shadee.munger@gmail.com , 6201552582/ 9900640222

KHATRI

PQ Girl for Handsome Clean Shaven Khatri Sikh, 6'1"/1993; B-Tech & MBA from Premiere Institutes; Sr Mgr in MNC in Gurgaon; Educated Service Class Status Family. 9810550056.

KSHATRIYA

PUNJABI Khatri boy 29/166 MBA well-placed MNC Bangalore. Well-settled Gurgaon family seeks educated preferably working girl. Genuine proposals only. SRESTIME@gmail.com

KUSHWAHA

KUSHWAHA H'some Boy 28/5' 7" MCA Engr Google Banglr 25LPA seeks B'ful Wkg girl, Dumari 841313 #7294809376, 9973433805 for messages

YADAV

Wanted Bride
Alliance invited for handsome Yadav boy, 30 yrs, 5'10", B.Tech, MBA, running own IT consultancy in Bhopal, Father Ex-Defence Officer, Bhopal based. Caste No Bar.
Contact :
8319447170, 9893106147

BY COMMUNITY

AGARWAL

37/ 5'10" Slim, Simple Boy, Inter, Hyderabad Established Marwari Family. Seeks Simple Hindu Family Oriented Girl (Divorcee / Minor Handicap OK) BHP Mob.: 9849015330

NORTH INDIAN

SOFTWARE Engineer, 30, Punjabi, BLR based working in MNC, looking for well educated and career oriented bride Mob:9986169366

BY RELIGION

HINDU

SEEKING alliance for our 32yearold son (US citizen, M.S., IT Manager in a top US corporation, Hindu - Arya Vysya). Looking for an educated bride 24+Plus years (Hindu, caste no bar), from a family with traditional values. Email: NRI2026JR@gmail.com

KAYASTHA 34 yrs, 5'8", BTech (IIIT-A), MBA (USA), working in USA (H1B), seeks compatible partner. Parents doctors in MP. Ph: 9425024489.

MUSLIM

SUNNI Bengali, 28, USA-based. MIM & B.Tech (Mech). Owns businesses in USA & UAE. Seeks bride from a good, affluent family, willing to settle abroad. WAP biodata: 9830494158

SIKH

FAIR, Very Handsome Sikh Arora boy (Clean Shaven) 33 years MA Hons from Prestigious University in UK. Overlooking family Business in Chandigarh, belonging to Affluent Family. Seeking well educated beautiful caring girl from Status Cultured Family. Whatsapp 62395 90744

SIKH BRIDE WANTED
Alliance invited for a well-educated, handsome and professionally established Sikh boy, 29 years, 5'8", BBA, alumnus of Modern School, Barakhamba Road, successfully managing his own business. Belongs to a well-respected and affluent family based in South Delhi & Bareilly. Seeking a well-educated, beautiful, cultured and family-oriented Sikh girl from a respectable family.
Please Send Recent Photograph and Complete Biodata to:
asobti423@gmail.com
9359111889

GENERAL

CASTE NO BAR

MERCHANT NAVAL OFFICER
5'8/1990 Defence background Mumbai based, Punjabi family
9769100269

1976 Handsome Telugu AUSTRALIAN Citizen M.TECH (RMIT MELBOURNE) Divorcee with no issues, seeks a Smart, Slim, well-educated girl from a cultured family. Send BPH to WA No. 9900194241.

BENGALI MBA 41, 5'9" Caring, Honest, Fair, Handsome, No demand, Canadian Citizen. Owned properties in India seeks Hindu bride below 31, willing to work in Canada. Call: 8697745543 / 9823173193

PQM for 33/5'8", B.Tech, MBA (IIMC), Mgt. Consultant - MNC, 30 LPA, Parents Retd. Govt. Officers, No Sibling. Education-oriented, No Dowry, all upper caste welcome. Mb: 9760810220.

ESTD:1998 For Elite profiles both India/ abroad, 1st/ 2nd/ Late marriages (personalised services). CT Ushodhaya on whatsapp 9611919477,9886884291

EQM4 Punjabi khatri,manglik H'some,boy,5'11"/20.04.91/11:18 am/delhi,B.Tech.,MBA-IIM Rohtak,wkng MNC@50Lpa, JS ID-XZT23655, call 9818669189

WELL-SETTLED US-based Software Engineer (MNC), 26, 5'10", M.S. CS, Looking for educated, caring bride. Contact: +91 9414182510

B.TECH IIT + ISB (MBA) '84|171 cm Tech Founder/CEO Dubai. Income 10 Crore. Elite Jaipur Jain Family 9829294900

DELHI/ Bangalore Based Handsome Sahu Vaish Boy 1985/6' Non.Mnglk Grad. Sr. Mngr. Reliance/ 30 LPA Pref B'ful Tall Edu . # 9980809118

DOCTOR, 47 Yrs old,settled in USA for 16 Yrs, Handsome Salary, Caste & Religion No Bar. Mobile : +917838319733 +919873295961,+919939322345.

COSMOPOLITAN

TAMIL Mudaliyar, Bangalore, M, 30 yrs, 5'6", Handsome Surgeon, fit, affluent. MS, MCh (GI), Dec '26. Seeks beautiful, doctor bride — MS / MCh OB-GYN / Surgical. BHP: 9945011811

DM Dr(Dec-91, 6'1, Tamil) seeks a virtuous, tall, slim, v.fair, PG Dr/well edu bride (29-31 yrs) at Bangalore.Parents: 9342529547 / 9072118800

SEEK Alliance For UK based British Citizen Hindu 36 5'10 IT Architect 1.5CrPA seeks veg family +447882047224

SECOND MARRIAGE

MBA Paswan (SC) boy 5'5", 36 years divorcee issueless, working in MNC at Mumbai, 29 LPA, Caste no bar, Parents from Bihar & Jharkhand, Contact 9969223062

PROFESSIONALLY Qualified Widower Christian RC South Indian 57 6' MNC 2 Cr seeks well qualified match details by WA / Call 9445107879

45LPA, 38 years, IIT, PhD, 6'1, Slim, Brahmin, Divorced, No issue, no ali Father: Central Govt Seeks Prof Qual Bride 9634266197

RELIGION NO BAR

39/5'10" Unmarried boy caste no bar B.tech-NIT MBA ISB Wrkg MNC 50 LPA Business family Accept Divorce & Widow 9407932961,9009486689

BY LANGUAGE

BENGALI

KAYASTHA, Vice president in MNC.Own house in dehradun. Unmarried, 46 yrs 5 feet 5". Wanted bengali bride with in 36 yrs. 7042723399

GUJARATI

JULY 1999 B.TECH IT 5'.8" Software Engineer MNC Bengaluru 65+LPA Mumbai family seeks working-Educated girl-9224449011.

PUNJABI

SUITABLE bride for 31 yr. Punjabi boy 6ft. Very fair and good looking well settled in banglore. Chartered accountant from Mumbai. Contact Saneja 7666940930

Established South Delhi Hindu Punjabi family, seeks a well educated, articulate girl for an accomplished April 94 born boy, 5'11". Educated at Imperial College, Oxford and Harvard. Interests range from traveling to adventure sports. Currently working in London. Email:
pschool846@gmail.com

SINDHI

SINDHI Shikarpuri Vegetarian Bangalore based affluent family seeks bride for B.Com/ InterCA/ 28yrs/ 5'5" type-1 diabetic. Call- 9242897211

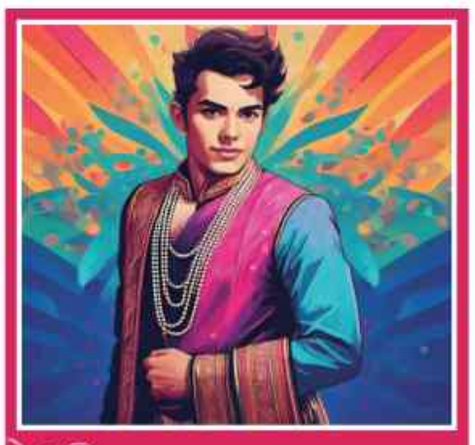
BY NATIONALITY

NRI/ GREEN CARD

PUNJABI Hindu Arora boy, 27/6'1", MS Business Analytics Chicago, H1B, B.Tech CS, Cultured, family-oriented, Seeking professionally qualified Hindu girl, preferably USA settled. Mobile, Whats'up number +91 9419189485, sushilarora2003@gmail.com

CANADA based Arora boy, 38/5'6", Finance Manager, owns house, seeks beautiful educated bride in India or Canada. Whatsapp. +1-516-749-0164

MAY'94/5'11" Saryuparin Brahmin , Non-vegetarian, H'some Boy ,B.Tech IIT KNP , MS NYU ,PHD AI (UCF) seeking U.S. based Slim ,B'ful Tall Girl. WhatsApp- 9415217547



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BY CASTE

BRAHMIN

SM4 Gaur Brhmn girl, B.Des., 29Yr/5'5",Wrkg in BLR,earning H'some sal.pkg. Seeks PQ Veg North Indian Brhmn T'totaler Boy wrkg in Metro City (pref. BLR), Whtsp: 9719357776 8, 9703830947,9886607922 email: aksharmagzb2022@gmail.com

AFFLUENT Tyagi Brahmin industrialist family invites alliance for their accomplished & good-looking daughter, born in 1993, height 5'4",well-educated(MBA;CFA Level I cleared). Seeking suitable match from reputed industrialist family. director@nicholas.co.in | M 9795922999

SM4 Bengali Brahmin girl Mar 96, 5'4 fair employed with reputed US Bank in USA(Boston) on H1B. Seeking a professionally established groom, overseas profiles welcome. Mob 9235137882. mintu2666@gmail.com

PQM4 B'ful 5'3 37 SPB girl. BE. Wkng in S'pore. Lkng 4 all brahmin BE/MBA/MS wkg in India/abroad. 9724302920.8758304773

MBBS Doc, Tamil Iyengar Sep96/165 Kausika, Uthram, practicing in London looking for educated groom based inUK 9841031480

MATCH for Well Qlfd B'full Brahmin Girl 1996/5'-4" Company Secretary (CS) Wrkg. as Investment Banker & Corporate Lawyer in Mumbai Contact- 9137557872, 8980933233

10.05.91 Kumaoni Brhmn 5'2" M.Tech BITS wkg B'lore girl seek MBA/BTec/MTec boy set ld B'lore, Mum, Hyd, Ahmeda bad, all brhmn wlcm 7355582946

SM4 41/5'7" PQ Brahmin girl wkg in MNC in SG, l'less divorcee, veg, teetotaller, non-maglik, kkbvishakha@gmail.com

SP Brahmin, Bhardwaj, 33, V.Fair, 5'5", Family of Doctors Maxillofacial surgeon, Working in a Medical College Contact- 7004566649

ALLIANCE for smart, fair Kanyakubj girl, 25/5'5", qlfd, reputed fmly.Seek h'sme, educated groom from an affluent bus'nss fmly. WAp: 9893344463

GREEN Card Holder Doctor girl fair beautiful 49/5'6" working in New York, issueless divorcee ; cast no bar ; only US boy prefd. #7091920691

NEVER Married girl 47yr 5.3" MA Economics PGD Statistics Gold Medalist seeks Well settled Never Married boy Caste no bar 9893027755

SM4 Brahmin girl 5'/31Yrs Officer- Public Sector, postgraduate- Delhi University. Posted at Hyderabad. Pl call & Wsap 9415970582

BTECH Girl(Divorced) 90/5'3 wkg MNC Bangalore Seeking alliance from families based out of MP 9591190351,9893782502

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Affluent Brahmin family Aurangabad Maharashtra invites alliance for slim, fair, beautiful daughter, 30/5'3", MMktg (Deakin Australia), BBA (NMIMS Mumbai), MNC Profnl, Bangalore. Father business, mother professor.
Seeking qualified Hindu groom, service/business.
devenmishra66@gmail.com
Mob/WhApp: 9420263304

KHATRI

PROF Qulfd match for MBA finance girl, 1997/5'5"wrkng in MNC, father WRKG in Oil & gas sector MNC at NOIDA. 9988882108, 8054018639

YADAV

Wanted Groom
Alliance invited for beautiful Yadav girl, 38 yrs, 5'7", BHMS, Bhopal based. Father Ex-Defence Officer. Caste No Bar.
Contact :
8319447170, 9893106147

BY COMMUNITY

AGARWAL

SM4 Bisa Agr Girl 31/5'4" b'ful fair MD(Path), doing SRship. Affulent family of Lko, seeks Med, IAS, IPS, IRS, IIM match pfbly from Delhi, NCR UP. Decent marriage. M: 9897275161

SM for Bansal (Agarwal) Sept 1994, 5'2" M.Tech, Wrkg Bangalore. 40+LPA, seeks pref. wrkg Bangalore. # F. 9897955896, B. 9521429774, Hapur, UP.-245101

ARORA

DIVORCED - Dental surgeon, Punjabi,MDS girl 39, height 5'2",fair. Job in Gurugram, (legal custody of child with father). Doctor family. Requires same status boy preferably in Gurugram. ph: 9896028334

SM4 23yrs Manglik girl from High Status family doing BDS 4th year Having thallasemia major. If interested then Contact : 9871116643

BHUMIHAR

BHUMIHAR MBA (Wkg) 26/5'4" Delhi bsd family (BH roots) seek well settled boy pref. in Delhi # 8826888330/9625557974

RAJPUT

Affluent Rajput business family seeks medico Rajput boy only for their very pretty Daughter 31/ 5'02" done MS - Ophthalmology working in Delhi Government hospital. Respond with bio data and pictures at
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BY PROFESSION

DOCTORS

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BY RELIGION

HINDU

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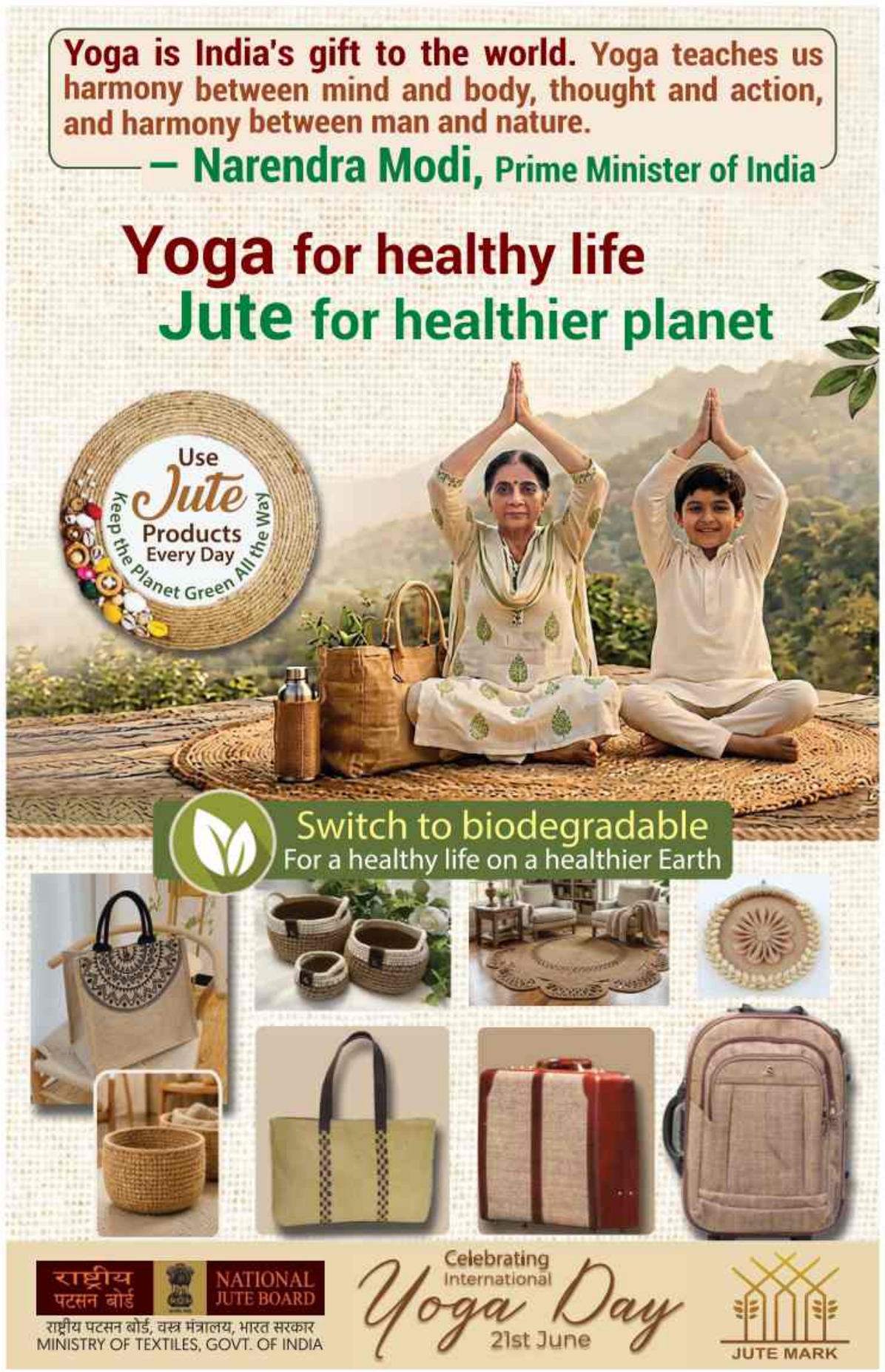

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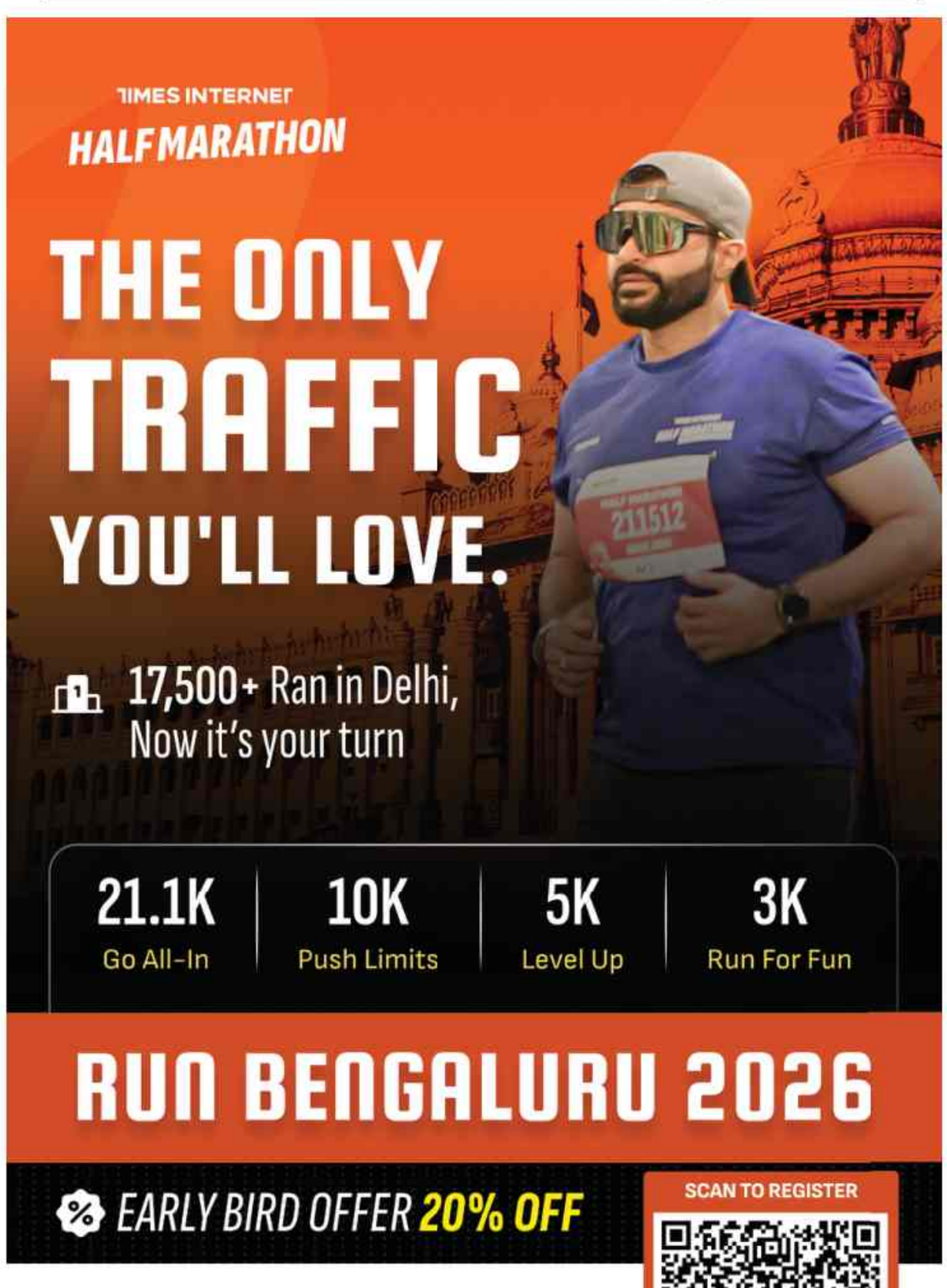

'US-Israel war on Iran was unnecessary — its military emissions damage everyone on Earth'

They say the Iran War is over — but is it? ***Neta Crawford****, Professor of International Relations, the University of St Andrews, speaks with* ***Srijana Mitra Das*** *at* ***Times Evoke*** *about war in West Asia — and its global spread:*

FROM PENTAGON TO LIFE-GONE: The US Department of Defense (L) represents the largest industrial war machine on Earth — its actions stretch from Vietnam in the 1960s to Iran and Lebanon (R) in 2026, American militarisation spurring others and damaging the planet

In terms of emissions, what have been the most important impacts of the US-Israel-Iran war, locally and globally?

■ I think of emissions using both a short-term and long-term horizon. Here, there were immediate emissions arising from the mobilisation of United States-Israel forces and the movement of US aircraft carrier groups into the warzone with the surface ships that go along with these. Next, aerial bombardment, which is the preferred war method of the United States over putting troops on the ground, caused emissions.

There were emissions also from the militaries of Iran's neighbours who were targeted by Tehran — each tried to mobilise their own air and ground defences. Meanwhile, there are large US forces in bases spread across the region — they too have been mobilised and continue to emit when activated. Iranian conventional forces also used fuel in their attacks on others.

In the long run, there will be further emissions driven by this war's destruction — and these will continue after the bombardment ends. For example, when the South Pars natural gas facility in Iran was bombed, methane (CH_4) — a much more potent greenhouse gas — along with carbon dioxide (CO_2) was released. All bombed fuel facilities in the region resulted in this. Further, the destruction of housing units, many using domestic fuel, will add to emissions long after the conflict. The impacts stretch even more long-term — there will now be more military mobilisation in the region. Globally, over the last many years, we have seen several countries investing increasingly in their military — they buy equipment from the US, etc., and ramp up their own military-industrial production of missiles, anti-aircraft technologies, etc. All this, from bullets to Patriot missile systems, produces greenhouse gas emissions.

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FUEL ON FIRE: Fossil energies, petrol to LNG, underpin wars

Thus, the short-term to long-run consequences of this war range from getting to the battlefields, the actual fighting and destroying infrastructure holding gas and oil, and then, the long-run militarisation of the region — and the world.

THE SHADOWS OF WAR

We've heard much about the price of oil through this war — and little about its impacts on water, soil, air and non-human species. Why is it easy to overlook these?

■ This is a common cognitive bias which makes us focus only on the immediate and close. It seems salient to look at the destruction of homes and the killing of people. That is natural — but when, for instance, a tanker is blown up in the sea and its contents spill out, damaging coastlines and natural habitats, this is seen as a local event with very subtle consequences. It seems more natural, particularly if you are located far away, to think of how much more you have to pay to fill up your car.

Also, in general, societies do not have a good grasp of their connections to ecosystems. Our dependence on Earth to retain a habitable temperature, have steady freshwater, give us just enough rain, etc., are things we take for granted — we do not understand how our own actions are pushing us out of the safe zone the planet had for millennia.

In truth, today, we are moving out of this fairly rapidly and the biosphere is increasingly stressed. However, for many people, it's still difficult to grasp this complexity — but it will become more obvious that we've breached the safe zone as we become less able to grow food, access water and keep experiencing much more extreme weather.

How has the Pentagon contributed to emissions which drive climate change?

■ US military emissions are linked to the historical transition from animals and wind power providing locomotion for weapons and people in wars since the 19th century. When the US military moved to coal to power ships, trains and aircraft, it began a dependence on fossil fuels. This has grown. The US military is the most powerful in the world — this is a consequence of a concerted effort to build conventional and nuclear forces that depend on the largest military-industrial base on Earth.

Now, in the late 1990s, when it was becoming clear the world was going to both assess emissions by countries and try to reduce them, the US Department of Defense lobbied the Clinton administration to get an exemption for military emissions. Ultimately, the administration agreed and proposed the Kyoto Protocol negotiations exclude most military emissions from national reporting mechanisms. That's been the case until military emissions reporting was made more voluntary by nations in the 2015 Paris Accord. Since then, some countries do occasionally release data on their military emissions — however, for the most part, we don't know about emissions from defence operations or installations.

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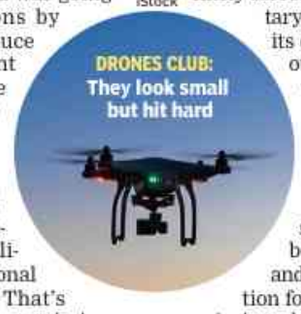

Importantly, the US Department of Defense has historically been the nation's single largest institutional petroleum user — and the US government's largest emitter. It is possibly the single largest emitter in the world of greenhouse gases — its emissions in 2024 were around 49 million metric tons CO_2 equivalent. That figure is lower than the 1970s, mostly because of a reduction in Cold War bases, but the US is still an enormous contributor to global military emissions.

Given this, alongside the current US administration's decision to use militarism more actively in geopolitics, what should the world anticipate?

■ While US military emissions have come down over time, the overall point is absolutely correct — when the US uses military force, it not only increases its own emissions, it triggers other countries to mobilise with or against it. For example, China is now increasing its military spending and domestic arms production to balance against US power. There is no reason for an inevitable war between the United States and China — yet, the preparation for it is part of how miliary emissions bring us closer to tipping points which we should not breach. The fact that most military emissions are not reported means our understanding of how close we are getting to global warming thresholds through these is inadequate. We don't know key data we need to make accurate predictions and attempt proper reductions. Our societies are not yet aware of the more subtle impacts of war. Targeting fuel facilities releases methane — but that is difficult to track while being 25 times more potent than CO_2 in terms of warming potential. Wars that target fuel industries are extremely dangerous — their harm ripples across the world.

This is ultimately suicidal — it damages everyone on the planet. We have great interest thus in urging nations to resolve disputes through diplomacy. The Iran war was unnecessary and it has unleashed a series of actions which will harm all of us — today, we, living on this planet, facing dangerous climate change, do not have the luxury of optional wars.

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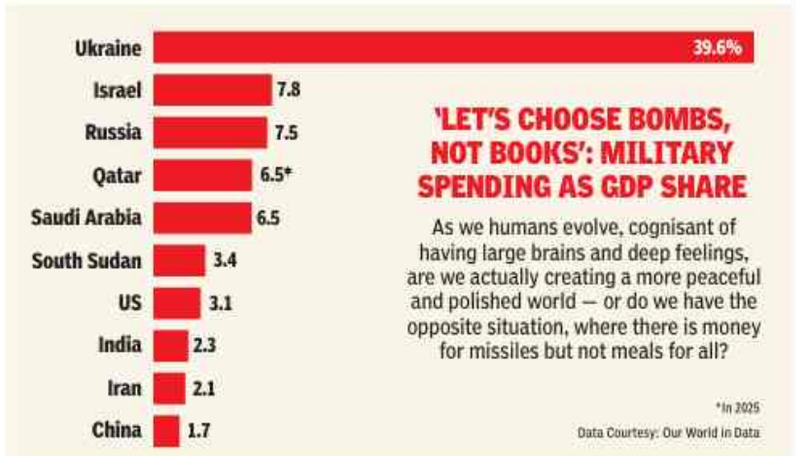

'LET'S CHOOSE BOMBS, NOT BOOKS': MILITARY SPENDING AS GDP SHARE

As we humans evolve, cognisant of having large brains and deep feelings, are we actually creating a more peaceful and polished world — or do we have the opposite situation, where there is money for missiles but not meals for all?

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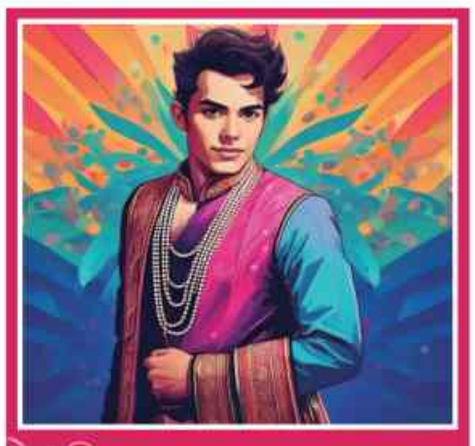

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ARYA Vysya (Divorced), 49 , 157 cms, Entrepreneur, Bangalore. Father is a Businessman. seeking the suitable groom. Call: 6366530297

BRAHMIN - Niyogi, 28 , 157 cms, Manager, United Kingdom, Father Executive. Looking for a suitable match. Call: 6366530297

GOWDA, 25, 163 cms, Management Professional, Andhra. Father is a Businessman. Seeking the well settled groom. Call: 6366448338

BRAHMIN- Iyengar, 31, 160 cms, MBBS, PG Ophthalmologist, DNB, Chennai, Seeking the educated Groom from Iyer/Iyengar.Call: 6366530307

BRAHMIN- Iyer, 26, 173 cms, MBA, IT Professional, Lives in USA. Seeking the bride from any caste, any location. Call:6366530308

BRAHMIN Iyer,29, 170 cms, Doctor, Lives in Australia. Seeking alliance from any caste, any location Call: 6366530307

BRAHMIN, 28, 160 cms, divorced, IT Professional, Vijayawada. Seeking an educated groom, caste no bar. Call: 6366448338

BRAHMIN, 28, B.Arch, Australia. Professional family. Seeking an educated Groom from India, Australia or UK. Call: 6366530307

BRAHMIN, 37, 168 cms, MBA, Consultant, Lives in USA. Looking for a suitable groom from equivalent community. Call: 6366530308

CASTE No Bar, 31 , 168 cms, Medical professional, Telangana. Seeking a educated Caste no bar groom. Call: 6366448338

CATHOLIC, 27, 160 cms, MS Eng, Engineer, lives in Canada. Looking for groom from the same community. Call: 6366530311

CHRISTIAN, 26, 168 cms, Business Strategy, Spain. Father is a Government Employee. Seeking the good match. Call: 6366530296

CHRISTIAN, 28, 165 cms, Business, Hyderabad. Father is into Business. Seeking a educated groom Caste No Bar. Call: 6366448338

CHRISTIAN, 28, 165 cms, IT Professional USA. Father CEO. Seeking for a suitable educated groom in USA. Call: 6366448338

EZHAVA, 29, 152 cms, MBA, Business, Lives in Kannur. Looking for the suitable groom from same community. Call: 6366530311

EZHAVA, 29, 160 cms, MBA, Data Scientist. Lives in Australia. Looking for a groom from any communities. Call: 6366530311

EZHAVA, 35, 163 cms, M.Sc, Business, Lives in UAE. Looking for the match in equivalent community. Call: 6366530311

GOUNDER, 24, 155 cms, Architect, Lives in Chennai. Looking for a groom from the same community in any location. Call:6366530307

KAMMA, 27, 168 cms, IT professional. Looking for the well-educated, affluent Groom from USA, India. Call: 6366448338

KAMMA, 28, 170 cms, Business, Telangana. Father is a Businessman. Seeking the groom in well-settled family. Call: 6366448338

KAMMA, 29, 157 cms, Masters, United States. Father is a Retired Engineer. Looking for the groom in same caste. Call: 6366530296

KAMMA, 31 , 168 cms, Software Professional, United States, Father Secretary. Looking for a suitable match. Call: 6366530297

KAMMA, 31, 168 cms, Senior Manager, United States, Father is a Secretary. Looking for a suitable match. Call: 6366530296

KAPU, 25, 158 cms, Full stack developer, Telangana. Father is a employed. Looking for the educated Groom. Call: 6366448338

KSHATRIYA Raju, 28 , 178 cms, Engineer, United States, Father Entrepreneur. Looking for a suitable groom. Call: 6366530297

KSHATRIYA, 31, 168 cms, Software Engineer, Bangalore. Father is a Retired. Seeking the match in caste no bar. Call: 6366448338

MUDALIYAR, 26, 163 cms, BE, IT Professional, Lives in Singapore. Looking for a groom from equivalent community. Call: 6366530308

MUDALIYAR, 26, 165 cms, Entrepreneur, Rasipuram, Father Businessman. Looking for a good match. Call: 6366530296

MUDALIYAR, 30, Doctor, Kanchipuram. Seeking an suitable educated Groom from the same community. Call: 6366530307

MUSLIM, 33, 163 cms, PhD, Data Scientist, Lives in Germany. Looking for a groom from the same community. Call: 6366530311

NAICKER, 27, 170 cms, MBA, Consultant, Lives in USA. Looking for a groom from equivalent community. Call: 6366530308

NAIDU, 30, 168 cms, Manager, New Zealand. Mother Businesswoman. Looking for a well-settled match. Call: 6366530296

NAIR, 28, 170 cms, M.Sc., Research Scholar, Lives in the UK. Looking for the groom from any community. Call: 6366530311

PILLAI, 27, Doctor, Coimbatore. Business family. Seeking an suitable educated Groom from the same community. Call: 6366530307

PILLAI, 30, Doctor, Chennai. Looking for a suitable educated Groom from an equivalent community. Call: 6366530307

RAJPUT, 31, 173 cms, MSc, Consultant, Lives in Chennai. Looking for a groom from the same community. Call: 6366530308

REDDY, 24, 163 cms, Software & IT Professional. Looking for the well-educated affluent groom from USA, India. Call: 6366448338

REDDY, 29, 168 cms, MBA, Lives in US Father into Business. Seeking alliance from any community from US Call: 6366530307

REDDY, 31, 165 cms, Engineer, United States, Father Manager. Looking for a well-settled match. Call: 6366530296

ROMAN Catholic, 23, 174 cms, B.Com. Auditor, Lives in Dubai. Seeking the match in equivalent community. Call: 6366530311

VELAMA, 25, 170 cms, pursuing Phd, USA. Father is an Industrialist. Seeking a educated groom Caste no bar. Call: 6366448338

VOKALIGA, 35,160 cms, MBA, Researcher, Lives in Chennai. Seeking alliance from any community. Call : 6366530307

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PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the general public that my client intends to purchase the immovable property mentioned and described the schedule below from its owners **(i) Sri. Srinivas Murthy,** son of Late Channappa, **(ii) Sri. Deepak Kumar,** son of Sri. Srinivas Murthy, and **(iii) Divyashree S,** daughter of Sri. Srinivas Murthy (hereafter collectively referred to as "Owners"). The Owners represent that the Schedule Property is free from any encumbrance, mortgage, charge, lien or litigation and they have not entered any sort of Agreement/MOU/Deeds etc., for transfer of the Schedule Property. Any person/s having any objection, claim, right, title and/or interest with respect to the Schedule Property or any part or portion thereof by way of sale, conveyance, acquisition, partition, transfer, memorandum of understanding, exchange, mortgage, pledge, charge, encumbrance, inheritance, succession, lease, easement or demand or objections or claims of any nature whatsoever for the proposed transaction shall lodge their claim(s)/objection(s)/demand(s) with the undersigned supported by documentary evidence **within Fifteen (15) days** from the date of publication of this Notice failing which, my client shall proceed with the above-mentioned transaction as though there are no claim(s)/objection(s)/demand(s) to the proposed transaction.

SCHEDULE

All the piece and parcel of the immovable property bearing Survey No. 71/1A, measuring 29 guntas (excluding 1 gunta of 'A' kharab land), situated at Kadugodi Village, Bidarahalli Hobli, Bengaluru East Taluk, Bengaluru Urban District and bounded on the:

East by : Remaining portion Land bearing Survey No.71/1A;
West by : Land bearing Survey No.72;
North by : Land bearing Survey No.70; and
South by : Land bearing Survey No.71/1B.

Vinay K. S., Advocate,
Vinay Kademane & Associates
307, 3rd Floor, Prestige Centre Point, No.7/49, Edward Road,
Bengaluru-560001 Ph.: 080 22863885 / 49763233
email: vinay@vinaykademane.in

Place : Bengaluru
Date : 20-06-2026

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to the public at large that, under the instructions of our client, we are investigating the ownership right, title and interest in relation to lands measuring about 11 acres 32 Guntas comprised in various survey numbers all located at Bagalur Village, Jala Hobli, Yelahanka Taluk, Bangalore North District, more particularly described in the Schedule hereunder written ("**Schedule Property**"), with a view to our client purchasing the Schedule Property from its present owner/s thereof by way of an outright sale.

Any person/s or entity(ies), including but not limited to any bank or financial institution having or claiming or asserting to have any demand and/or objection and/or any right, title, interest, estate, in respect of the Schedule Property, or any portion thereof, including by way under or in the nature of mortgage, hypothecation, encumbrance, deposit of title deeds, pledge, entitlement, allotment, sale, agreement for sale, transfer, assignment, lease, agreement to lease, sub-lease, agreement to sub-lease, tenancy, sub-tenancy, license, sub-license, lien, charge, trust, maintenance, easement, compensation claims, gift, lis-pendens, exchange, share, beneficial interest, possession, release, relinquishment, partition, power of attorney, contract/agreement, options, right of first refusal or right of first offer or pre-emption or encumbrance of whatsoever nature, will, bequest, inheritance, succession, FAR, FSI, development rights, occupation, share, assignment, family arrangement/settlement, or other disposition, partnership, possession, allotment, litigation, order, decree, award, direction, injunction, attachment passed by any Court of Law or Tribunal or any other revenue or statutory or adjudicating authority or arbitration or otherwise howsoever or acquisition by government or any entity, prohibition or any other impediment with respect to the Schedule Property or under any agreement, deed, document or power of attorney or by way of any other method or otherwise howsoever ("**Claims**") or have already filed any suit, dispute, petition, appeal or other proceedings or sent any demand notice or obtained any decree, judgement, award, injunction, attachment, direction or other order concerning the Schedule Property or any part thereof, are hereby called upon and are required to give notice of any such Claims or objections, if any, in writing to the undersigned, at the undermentioned address, also with a copy addressed over email at harsha.sudhindra@cyrilshroff.com (marked to the attention of Mr. Harsha Sudhindra) along with copies of necessary supporting documents to prove such Claims or objections, if any, within 15 (fifteen) days from the date of publication hereof, failing which it would be presumed and deemed that no party or person has any Claim, in or over the Schedule Property or any part thereof and our client shall proceed to finalise and conclude the proposed transaction of purchase of the Schedule Property by way of an outright sale from the present owner/s, as if no Claim/s or objection/s exist and that they have been consciously waived and abandoned by such person/s forever. It shall be deemed and presumed that the title to the Schedule Property is clear and marketable, and free from any and all encumbrances, claims, disputes and/or doubts of whatsoever nature.

SCHEDULE

(Description of the Schedule Property)

All that lands measuring about 11 acres 32 Guntas comprised in various survey numbers all located at Bagalur Village, Jala Hobli, Yelahanka Taluk, Bangalore North District and bounded as follows:

Sl. No.	Survey No.	Extent (excluding kharab)		Kharab		Boundaries (Survey Nos.)			
				A	B				
		Acre/s	Guntas	Guntas		East	West	North	South
1	465/1	03	00	-	-	Land in Sy No. 449	Land in Sy No. 465/2	Land in Sy No. 466	Road
2	465/2	01	00	-	-	Land in Sy No. 465/1	Hosahalli Village Boundary	Land in Sy No. 466	Road
3	466/1	01	16	-	-	Land in Sy No. 175	Land in Sy No. 466/2	Land in Sy No. 467&175	Land in Sy No. 465 & 175
4	466/2	01	16	-	-	Land in Sy No. 466/1	Land in Sy No. 466/3	Land in Sy No. 467	Land in Sy No. 465
5	466/3	02	00	-	-	Land in Sy No. 466/2	Hosahalli Village Boundary	Land in Sy No. 467	Land in Sy No. 465
6	467/1	01	00	-	-	Land in Sy No. 449	Hosahalli Village Boundary	Land in Sy No. 467/2	Land in Sy No. 466
7	467/2	02	00	-	-	Land in Sy No. 499	Hosahalli Village Boundary	Land in Sy No. 468	Land in Sy No. 467/1
TOTAL		11	32						

Harsha Sudhindra
Partner
Cyril Amarchand Mangaldas
Advocates and Solicitors, Prestige Falcon Tower, 3rd Floor
Brunton Road, Off M. G. Road, Bangalore 560 025. Tel. No.: 080 67922000

Date: June 21, 2026
Place: Bengaluru

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OFFICE OF THE CHIEF GENERAL MANAGER (P&C), IDCO, IDCO TOWERS, JANPATH, BHUBANESWAR- 751022.

Tender Call Notice No. IDCO/H.O./P&C/EST/E-2952/01/2025/ 18247, dated : 17.06.2026

NOTICE INVITING TENDER UNDER NATIONAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING THROUGH e-PROCUREMENT

1. **Name of the work** : Construction of Approach Road from Joranda Road to the land allotted to M/s OPTCL sub-station at Neulapoi Industrial Area, Dhenkanal, Odisha.
2. **Estimated cost** : Rs.487.90 Lakh.
3. **Period of completion** : 06 (Six) Calendar months.
4. **Other details**

Procurement Officer	Tender reference No.	Availability of Tender on-line for bidding	
1	2	3	4
Chief General Manager (P&C), IDCO, IDCO Towers, Bhubaneswar.	Tender Reference No. P&C/ EST/ E-10 / 2026-27.	24.06.2026 at 17.00 Hrs.	09.07.2026 up to 17.00 Hrs.

Further details can be seen from the e-Procurement Portal, **www.tendersodisha.gov.in** and Corrigendum if any will not be published in newspapers and can only be seen in the e-Procurement portal **www.tendersodisha.gov.in** and **www.idco.in**.

Sd/-
Chief General Manager (P&C), IDCO, Bhubaneswar.

OIPR-4001/4075/1/26-27/0059

SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY

E-Tender Notice No. H-GS-UBL-03-2026-27 Dated : 16-06-2026

The undersigned, on behalf of the President of India, invites E-Tenders for the following works.

Name of the Work	Approx. Value
Hubballi Division : Ballari (BAY) - Rayadurg (RDG) Section : Provision of Two additional loop lines with R&D facilities along with associated Civil, Track, Signal, TRD and Electrical (Genl) works at Obulapuram (OBM) Station (Phase II) (Composite tender)	Rs. 29,08,46,770/-

Last date for submission of bids: **Upto 11:00 Hrs on 10-07-2026**

For details log on: www.ireps.gov.in

Chief Project Manager/Gati Shakti
PUB/231/AAS/PRB/SWR/2026-27 **Hubballi**

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GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA
HIGHER EDUCATION DEPARTMENT
Lokseva Bhawan, Sachivalaya Marg, Bhubaneswar-751001
No.HE-SCH-PLAN-0072-2025/33545 /HE, Bhubaneswar, Dated: 20.06.2026

Corrigendum-I

NOTICE INVITING RFP FOR SUPPLY, INSTALLATION AND ESTABLISHMENT OF SMART CLASSROOMS IN 16 HEIs UNDER GSC COMPONENT OF PM-USHA.

RFP No. PM-USHA:01/2026 Date: 05.06.2026

Sl. No.	RFP Cl. No.	Page. No.	Description as per RFP	Modified Provisions
1	Sl No. 5 of Data Sheet Table	5	10,000/- (In shape of DD/BC from any Schedule Commercial Bank)	**10,000/- + Applicable GST** (In shape of DD from any Schedule Commercial Bank) in favour of "DDO-cum-Under Secretary, Higher Education Department, Payable at UCO Bank Secretariat Branch, Bhubaneswar"
2	Sl No. 6 of Data Sheet Table	5	Demand Draft / Bank Guarantee (as specified in RFP)	Demand Draft (as specified in RFP)

Sd/-
Joint Secretary to Govt. & SPD, PM-USHA

OIPR-11001/11001/1/26-27/0017

GREATER VISAKHAPATNAM MUNICIPAL CORPORATION

RFP Tender Notice No.25/2025-26/CE(GVMC)/SE(East)/EE (East)/GVMC, Dt:17-06-2026

Number of Work	: 01
Value of Work	: RFP Tender
Tender Starting Date	: 17-06-2026 @ 5.00 PM
Closing Date	: 06.07.2026 @ 4.00 PM

Note: Further details at http://www.gvmc.gov.in
O/o the EE(East) Cell No: 8187897572 Sd/- Commissioner, GVMC

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CSIR - CENTRAL ELECTROCHEMICAL RESEARCH INSTITUTE (CECRI)
कारैकुडी / Karaikudi-630 003. TAMIL NADU

B. Tech (Chemical & Electrochemical Engineering)

[Approved By AICTE and Affiliated to Anna University, Chennai]- NBA Accredited

ADMISSION NOTIFICATION FOR ALL INDIA QUOTA 2026 - 27

Online Applications are invited from the eligible candidates throughout India for admission to the first year B. Tech programme at CSIR-CECRI for the academic year 2026 - 2027 based on valid JEE (Main) 2026 All India Rank.

Commencement of Online submission of Application	**01.07.2026 (Wed)**
Last date for Online submission of Application	**21.07.2026 (Tue)**
Online Counselling Date	**29.07.2026 (Wed)**

For details, pleasevisit www.cecri.res.in

Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Limited
(A Joint Venture of GoI & GoK)
III Floor, BMTC Complex, K.H. Road, Shanthinagar, Bengaluru– 560 027, Karnataka, India.
E-mail:contactus@bmrc.co.in; **Web:** www.bmrc.co.in

e-TENDER NOTIFICATION

Enquiry No. :BMRCL/2026-27/EL/WORK_INDENT147

Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Ltd., (BMRCL) a Joint Venture of Government of Karnataka (GoK) and Government of India (GoI), invites Tenders (Single stage-Two Envelope System) through Karnataka Public Procurement Portal for the work of **"Shifting of BESCOM utilities at ORR from Sarakki Signal to PES College at Package – 1A of BMRCL Phase-3 Project."** from the eligible Tenderers.The details of the tender and the bidding documents can be downloaded from the Karnataka Public Procurement Portal website **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in on or after 22.06.2026.** Aspiring bidders need to register in the KPP portal. Further, Bidders can take assistance with KPPP help desk +91-80-46010000, +91-80-68948777, +919240214000, +919240214001 or send e-mail to support@eprochelpdesk.com for any issue.

Sd/- The Chief Engineer (U/S), Utility Shifting Section, BMRCL Building, 2nd Floor, Deepanjali Nagar Metro Station, Bengaluru-560 026.

GOVERNMENT OF NCT OF DELHI
Office of the RO, National Cooperative Union of India/District Magistrate (South)
M.B. Road, Saket, New Delhi-110068

NOTIFICATION FOR THE ELECTION OF MEMBERS OF GOVERNING COUNCIL OF NATIONAL COOPERATIVE UNION OF INDIA (NCUI)

The election of Members in Governing Council by the General Body of National Cooperative Union of India will be conducted at 3, Siri Institutional Area, August Kranti Marg, Hauz Khas, New Delhi-110016, in accordance with the following schedule:

S. No.	DESCRIPTION	DATE	TIME
1	Publication of Provisional List of Delegates (Group-wise & constituency-wise), eligible to vote on the website and notice board	16th June, 2026 (Tuesday)	By Evening
2	Time window for Raising Objection to the Provisional List	16th June, 2026 to 20th June, 2026 (Tuesday to Saturday)	11:00 AM to 03:00 PM
3	Scrutiny of objection received to the Provisional List (if any)	22th June, 2026 to 25th June, 2026 (Monday to Thursday)	11:00 AM to 03:00 PM
4	Publication of final list of Members/ Delegates, eligible to vote on the website & notice board of the NCUI	25th June, 2026 (Thursday)	By Evening
5	Issue and Filing of Nomination Form	27th June, 2026 to 01st July, 2026 (Saturday to Wednesday) (Except Sunday)	11:00 AM to 03:00 PM
6	Display of nominations received by Returning Officer on the website & notice board of NCUI	01st July, 2026 (Wednesday)	By Evening
7	Scrutiny of Received Nomination Forms	02nd July, 2026 (Thursday)	Till Completion of Scrutiny
8	Publication of List of Valid Nominations	02nd July, 2026 (Thursday)	Immediately after Scrutiny
9	Withdrawal of Nominations	03rd July, 2026 (Friday)	11:00 AM to 03:00 PM
10	Publication of Final List of Contesting Candidates	03rd July, 2026 (Friday)	By Evening
11	Date of Polling, if necessary	15th July, 2026 (Wednesday)	08:00 AM to 04:00 PM and all those who have entered polling station at 04:00 PM or before, should be allowed to cast vote
12	Counting of votes except for constituency 14a (ii) (Group II)	16th July, 2026 (Thursday)	08:00 AM onwards
13	Declaration of Result of Governing Council	As per order of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India	
14	Receipt of Nomination from Central Govt. by RO	On or before 15th July, 2026 (Wednesday).	
15	Election Program of Office Bearer	Dates to be published later	

More details on NCUI website www.ncui.coop

LAKSHAY SINGHAL, IAS
RETURNING OFFICER, NCUI

KARNATAKA INFORMATION COMMISSION
Mahithi Soudha, Devaraj Urs Road,
Bengaluru-560 001. Phone: 080-22371959
e-mail ID: secy-kic@karnataka.gov.in

No: KIC/2026-27/SE0004 **Date:18.06.2026**

e-TENDER NOTIFICATION

Under the provisions of the Karnataka Transparency in Public Procurement Act, 1999 and Rules, 2000, the Karnataka Information Commission invites online tender through the Government of Karnataka e-Procurement Portal under a **Two-Cover System** for providing the following manpower services on an outsourcing basis.

Details of Manpower Requirement

Sl. No.	Category	No. of Posts	Last date for submission of Bids
1	Judgement Writers	18	17.07.2026 upto 5.30 p.m.
2	Stenographers	12	
3	Assistants	16	
4	Data Entry Operators	12	
5	Typists	11	
6	Law Assistants	07	
7	Drivers	13	
8	Group-D	27	
9	Watchman	04	

Tender Schedule: 1) Last date for submission of bids: **17.07.2026 upto 5.30 p.m.** 2) EMD Amount: **Rs. 8,00,000/-** (to be paid through the modes specified in the tender document via e-Payment) 3) Pre-bid meeting: **29.06.2026 at 3.00 p.m. Venue:** Room No.306, Information Soudha, Karnataka Information Commission, D.Devaraj Urs Road, Bengaluru-560 001. 4) Last date for submission of queries: **24.06.2026 upto 5.30 p.m.** 5) Opening of Technical Bid: **20.07.2026 at 11.00 a.m.** 6) Tentative date for Opening of Financial Bid: **27.07.2026 at 11.00 a.m.**

- Detailed tender documents containing eligibility criteria, scope of work, terms & conditions and payment details can be downloaded from the Karnataka Government e-Procurement Portal https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in
- Interested agencies must be registered on the e-Procurement portal to participate in the bidding process.
- For technical assistance, contact Helpline Nos.: +91-9240214000 / +91-9240214001

Sd/-
Under Secretary
Karnataka Information Commission, Bengaluru

DIPR/CP/1287/MAA/2026-27

HUBLI ELECTRICITY SUPPLY COMPANY LIMITED
(Wholly Owned by Govt. of Karnataka)
Superintending Engineer (Ele), Corporate Office, Vidyut Bhavan, Gopanakkoppa, Hubballi - 580023. Phone No: 0836-2223877
Fax No: 0836-2324307 e-Mail: seepmc.hescom@gmail.com Website: www.hescom.co.in
Corporate Identity Number (CIN) : U31401KA2002SGC030437

No:HESCOM/SEE(PMC)/EE-P1/AEE-1/2026-27/CYS-2875 Dated: 20-06-2026

TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Karnataka Public Procurement Portal - KPPP Only)

Superintending Engineer (Ele), Projects Monitoring Cell, Corporate Office, HESCOM, Hubballi invites the below said Tenders on TTK basis in HESCOM Jurisdiction.

Sl. No.	Particulars	Bid Indent No. for Others
1	Replacement of Existing 2 x 5MVA by 2 x 8 MVA Power Transformers at 33/11 KV Sub-Station Balekundri in 33KV S&L Belagavi Division.	HESCOM/ 2026-27/EL/ WORK_ INDENT1226

The detailed notification regarding the bid enquiry can be obtained by logging in to the Website:
www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in on or after 5.00 PM of 20-06-2026.

Sd/- Superintending Engineer (Ele), Project Monitoring Cell, HESCOM, Hubballi.

DIPR/Dharwad/337/Adverto/2026-27

BENGALURU SOUTH CITY CORPORATION
Office of the Executive Engineer,
BTM Layout Division, GBA Complex, 2nd Floor,
Lashkar Hosur Road, Adugodi, Bengaluru–560030

No.: EE/BTM/Kppp/06/2026-27 **Date: 20.06.2026**

INVITATION FOR TENDERS (IFT)

(Two Cover System) (Through GOK Kppp Portal only)

The Executive Engineer, BTM Layout Division, invites tender for the following services from reputed Consultants for providing detailed project report (DPR) for BTM Layout Division for the following works through Kppp portal.

Sl. No.	Name of the Work
	1st Call
1	Consultancy services for preparation of DPR including survey, Estimation for Providing white topping road to 100 feet from Hosur Road service road to Ejipura Main Road junction and other improvements in BTM Layout constituency. **Project Cost (Amount in Lakhs): 3,000.00, EMD (Amount in Rupees): 30,000.00.**
2	Consultancy services for preparation of DPR including survey, Estimation for Desilting Regarding and Construction of pilot drain in the Diversion Channel along with Lake improvement works including pathway development pitching, Aeration systems and comprehensive infrastructure Enhancement at Madiwala Lake. **Project Cost (Amount in Lakhs): 3,000.00, EMD (Amount in Rupees): 30,000.00.**
3	Consultancy services for preparation of DPR including survey, Estimation for Construction of Pilot Drain, Bed correction work, construction of retaining wall and other allied works to K-100 and K-200 in BTM Layout Constituency. **Project Cost (Amount in Lakhs): 2,000.00, EMD (Amount in Rupees): 20,000.00.**

Calendar of Events: (1) Request for Proposal (RFP) document may be downloaded from the Government of Karnataka e-procurement website **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** from **22.06.2026. (2)** The last date for submission of completed documents is **29.06.2026** before **4:00 p.m. (3)** Technical bid will be opened on **30.06.2026 @ 4:30 p.m.** Further details may be obtained from the above office, during office hours or website **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in.**

Sd/- Executive Engineer, BTM Layout Division, BSCC

POLICE DEPARTMENT
Office of the Director General of Police, CID, Special Units & Economic Offences, No.1, Carlton House, Palace Road, Bengaluru - 560 001.
Phone No: 6360571315 cidciubengaluru@ksp.gov.in

No: C.R./CIU/CID/280/2025 **Date: 20.06.2026**

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A case has been registered at Bengaluru's Begur Police Station under Crime No. 280/2025, under Section 318(4) read with Section 3(5) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS), along with Sections 21 and 23 of the Banning of Unregulated Deposit Schemes (BUDS) Act, against the following residents of Garvebhavipalya, Bengaluru **1) Muniyaraj @ Muniraj, S/o Marimuttu, aged 53 years, 2) Palani Kumar, S/o Muniyaraj @ Muniraj, aged 31 years 3) Smt. Subbulakshmi, W/o Muniyaraj @ Muniraj, aged 48 years, 4) Ms. Devayani, D/o Muniyaraj @ Muniraj, aged 28 years.**

The above-mentioned individuals are alleged to have cheated hundreds of citizens of crores of rupees through chit fund businesses and are currently absconding. There is a possibility that they may be residing elsewhere under different names.

If anyone has any information or clues regarding the whereabouts of the accused persons shown in the photographs below or regarding their movable or immovable properties, they are requested to immediately contact and report the same to **Mobile 6360571315, 9164392137 Phone: 080-22094498.** Further, if any other persons have been defrauded by these individuals, they are requested to contact the above mentioned numbers along with relevant supporting documents. The identities of individuals who provide information regarding the whereabouts of the accused will be kept confidential.

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TMC unravelling holds lessons for other parties

BIG MOOD

RAHUL VERMA

Rarely in India's political history has a party unravelled so quickly after an electoral defeat as the Trinamool Congress (TMC) appears to be doing in the past two weeks. Is the rebellion inside TMC a familiar pattern or a unique event? The short answer is that it is both.

It's familiar because Indian politics has witnessed a steady succession of ruptures over the last few years. Shiv Sena and Nationalist Congress Party (NCP) split in 2022-23, then earlier this year, seven Rajya Sabha MPs from AAP joined BJP, and now six MPs from Shiv Sena (UBT) are likely to merge with Eknath Shinde-led Sena.

However, what unfolded in West Bengal over the past two weeks is qualitatively different. Few regional parties have collapsed so dramatically with public outbursts, and breakaway factions walking away with a significant share of legislators, both in the assembly and in the Lok Sabha.

The common thread linking Shiv Sena, NCP, AAP and now TMC lies in the intersection of two forces. The first is the challenge of intergenerational succession. Most regional parties have evolved into family-centred political enterprises. As long as founders remain electorally dominant, they are rarely questioned. Problems emerge when the baton passes to the next generation. Earlier, succession battles tended to come from within political families or dissidents who often lacked the resources to mount a serious challenge. Now, ambitious lieutenants may accept a founder's authority, but they are most likely to rally the troops when leadership is passed to a family heir.

And with the political dominance of BJP since 2014, such dissidents have an alternative destination. Aligning with the ruling party can ensure their political survival, protection from investigation, or simply a faster route to political advancement. BJP supporters will point out that the party did not create these conditions for rebellion. Yet, it has become remarkably effective at exploiting them and, in the process, reshaping the very structure of the opposition confronting it.

Still, the Bengal story cannot be reduced to succession and BJP strategy alone. After all, other regional parties have experienced leadership transitions and electoral defeats without such rapid disintegration.

There have been no such desertions so far from Samajwadi Party, which has been out of govt since 2017, or RJD, which has largely been out of govt since 2005, barring a few years in alliance with Nitish Kumar. YSR Congress Party (YSRCP) suffered one of the most dramatic defeats in recent memory in Andhra Pradesh. It too remained organisationally intact. Even AIADMK, despite years of factionalism after Jayalalithaa's death,

SPLITSVILLE: Party's 'franchisee model' and Bengal's winner-takes-all culture left it unusually vulnerable

retained a substantial core organisation after the 2026 Tamil Nadu elections. Several MLAs who supported Vijay during the floor test returned to former CM E Palaniswami. In neighbouring Odisha, BJD lost to BJP after governing for nearly a quarter century. Despite the party being highly centralised around Naveen Patnaik, it retained a distinct organisational identity and administrative reputation that survived electoral defeat.

Why has the TMC proved more vulnerable? The answer lies in the nature of party-building itself. Unlike in other parties where ideology or long-standing social identities create loyalty beyond office, TMC came to rely on something different in its 15 years in office: fusion between party and state. As political scientist Dwaipayan Bhattacharyya has noted, the party-society model under the Left Front had transitioned into a "franchisee model" in which TMC's leadership promoted local strongmen in exchange for delivering absolute loyalty and votes to the party. These local bosses were granted full autonomy to run their areas as personal fiefdoms, blurring the distinction between party and state.

Such arrangements are likely to generate formidable electoral machines, but they produce extremely fragile organisations. Once the ecosystem of political influence, physical control over territory, and access to state resources collapsed, so did the incentive to remain loyal. Also, in West Bengal's winner-takes-all political culture, power shifts frequently carry social, economic and even violent consequences for local actors.

TMC's troubles carry lessons beyond Bengal. For parties, especially family-centric ones, closing leadership pipelines, discouraging internal competition, and suppressing organisational renewal may quickly turn electoral defeat into organisational collapse. For Congress, which has struggled with similar problems for decades, the message is equally uncomfortable: leadership succession without organisational renewal may preserve control, but rarely produces resilience.

And for BJP, there is a warning hidden inside its successes of facilitating splits within the opposition. Many of the vulnerabilities it exploits—centralisation and overdependence on individual leaders—are hardly unique to them. As long as BJP remains electorally dominant, these issues will remain under the surface. The TMC episode shows how resilience can erode when power begins to recede. ■

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Blanket social media ban may disempower teenagers instead of making them resilient

The UK govt's announcement that under-16s will be banned from using social media from spring 2027 has met with a mixed response. While many welcome the curbs, others argue that age-gating will not work. ***Victoria Nash,*** *associate professor and senior policy fellow at the Oxford Internet Institute, points out that social media is also where kids find community and support. She tells* ***Himanshi Dhawan*** *that govts should focus on holding platforms accountable instead*

FOR THE RECORD

The number of countries with social media curbs on teenagers has gone to 12, making it less a knee-jerk reaction, more a global movement. What will be the impact?

As a developing global movement, two positive impacts are possible. First, that through sheer weight of numbers we focus public and corporate attention on the issue of ensuring social media platforms support young people's interests, and second, we may see a gradual change in norms and practices around the use of such services for younger teens.

How effective are bans in reducing social media harms on young adolescents? Can they really be enforced?

I think bans are unlikely to ever be completely effective in preventing all social media harm because there will always be ways of getting around them, and some teenagers will be determined to do so. At present, the assumption is that it will be possible to develop and apply highly effective forms of age verification and that these will prevent most under-age use. But the reality is that even if technical measures get tougher, there are social work-arounds, such as using a sibling or friends to pass facial age checks or borrowing credentials. I am pleased that UK leaders recognise this limitation and argue transparently that reducing risks for some children is better than nothing.

What have been the learnings from the Australia ban?

The eSafety Commissioner's compliance report from March 2026 suggested that for families where children under 16 had previously held social media accounts, 70% still had access to these. The main reason seemed to be that many children had not been asked to prove their age. There are also reports that under-16s were starting to use lesser-known social media platforms or finding ways to cheat age verification processes. So, the main point of learning here is the need to ensure platforms comply fully with the laws, but perhaps this is also a salutary reminder that such bans are not a silver bullet and other protective measures are still needed.

In May, a US court held that some companies had design defects that made their platforms addictive to children. Is there enough direct evidence that social media itself can worsen young people's mental health?

The academic evidence is complex and mixed. It is clear that some young people have had terrible experiences, likely exacerbated by social media use. But it is hard to prove causality, and in practice, different young people will respond very differently to similar online experiences. There is also evidence that it can support well-being, particularly for young people who are minority or excluded, as they find community online, and we also know it's an important source of information and learning. I would be very wary of broad, unqualified claims that social media causes harm.

What are the risks or unintended consequences of such a move?

I have two main concerns. First, such a move is fundamentally disempowering for our young people. Instead of working to support them, make them more resilient, and enabling them to develop autonomy, we have simply excluded them from these spaces. Second, I worry that this will make it harder to hold social media companies to account for their treatment of children and young people, as they will be effectively off the hook for providing safe spaces for these age groups.

How much can shows like 'Adolescence' shape public view of a policy? UK Prime Minister Starmer is said to have been deeply influenced by it.

Such shows are helpful insofar as they encourage a public conversation. But I worry that we get a very one-sided view of children and young people's use of social media. It is really important to talk about the risks, but it's also vital to recognise the opportunities and to understand the importance of technology in young people's lives for communication, identity development and even education.

Though India has not yet announced a ban, some states have expressed support for it. What could be a more balanced approach?

Personally, I had come around to the possible benefits of the UK's 'duty of care' approach (holding platforms legally accountable for protecting children online), which imposes significant duties on companies to minimise risk and improve online opportunities for young users. It seemed like a good idea. I would like to have seen more countries uniting around such an approach.

There is a trust deficit between parents and govts on one side and social media companies on the other. What can be done to bridge it? What role can legislation play?

This is the toughest question. Govts and parents are right not to trust social media companies as it's become clear that user engagement and profit have often been prioritised over well-being and beneficial use. The only way to rebuild trust would be to put in place measured and proportionate regulation (not just for children and young people, but for all social media users), backed by strong enforcement, so that companies can be required to comply and seen to comply.

The apocalypse that wasn't, and how Indian economy weathered it

SWAMINOMICS

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When US President Donald Trump launched a war on Iran at the end of Feb, experts in various fields warned of a possible apocalypse. Energy experts predicted humongous shortages of oil and refined products (petrol, aviation fuel, diesel) since the Gulf accounted for 20% of world exports. Food experts predicted a crisis for farmers and hungry children because urea prices doubled from $450/tonne to $900/tonne, threatening food shortages and higher prices globally. Industrial experts highlighted the big share of the Gulf countries in world exports of aluminium, petrochemicals, helium, and plastics, all held up by the Gulf traffic freeze.

Economists predicted a global recession if the war persisted. Higher prices emanating from shortages would crush purchasing power globally. Govt spending globally would be hit by falling tax revenue as economies slowed, even as they felt obliged to raise subsidies. Fiscal deficits would rise, and interest rates with them. Trade deficits would widen, currencies would weaken, and the poorest countries would be worst hit.

Apocalypse was threatened but did not happen. The world economy survived, although the war lasted three and a half months, against early expectation of six weeks. A memorandum of understanding has been signed, but will be dogged by problems in implementation. Low-level hostilities may recur, but nobody fears apocalypse anymore.

The world—and India—proved surprisingly resilient. Emergency reserves of oil in all countries were drawn down to tame shortages. Govts everywhere treated the war as a temporary shock that could be met by running down inventories, temporary energy subsidies, and wider budget deficits. These policies could have been disastrous had the war lasted six months. But govts proved right (or lucky) in planning for a short war.

Unanticipated help to the world economy came from a slowing Chinese economy. Official Chinese data claims a good 5% growth in the first quarter of 2026. But retail sales tell a very different story, with an increase of no more than 0.2% in April and an actual decline of 0.6% in May. China's oil consumption is projected to fall 4.9% this year, reflecting a slowing economy.

Trump needed a quick war with oil prices returning to pre-war levels, avoiding inflation that would cause his party to be thrashed in the US Congressional mid-term elections in Nov. So, he exited the war by offering Iran surprisingly good terms. Netanyahu is left fuming with Trump telling him to end his war in Lebanon. But Trump has never hesitated to quash allies of yesterday.

Has Trump avoided a mid-term election defeat? It is too early to say. The country's inflation rate rose steadily to 4.2% in May, more than double the target of 2%. Shortages in the pipeline of many goods will keep prices high for some time, so inflation may not fall to levels comfortable for US voters. He could yet suffer a thrashing that will drain his political power.

India has been vindicated in its approach to the war. It avoided sharp price increases for oil products by abolishing excise duties and forcing public sector oil companies to function at a loss. This would have been unsustainable in a long war, but the govt guessed rightly that this conflict was a temporary blip. The global price of urea, which had doubled in April, threatening an agricultural crisis, has crashed to pre-war levels. The rupee's sharp fall has been combated with RBI schemes to temporarily increase dollar inflows, which could fetch over $100 billion.

Let me not minimise the impact of the war. The RBI expects India's GDP growth to fall from 7.7% last year to 6.6% this year. This is a big fall. Yet the revised estimate is as high as India's long-term average. The fiscal deficit will increase by more than 1% of GDP because of higher subsidies for fertilisers and the cut in oil excise duties. But this one-off increase should return to lower levels in subsequent years.

The govt needs to do at least three things. One, reinstate excise duties and end subsidies for petrol and diesel in small doses within three months. Two, cut the ridiculously high urea subsidy, which results in diversion to chemical industries or smuggling to Bangladesh. Three, end the RBI scheme if it attracts over $100 billion, as it entails a high subsidy.

The balance of payments is in surprisingly good shape. The current account balance was actually positive in the Jan-March quarter, and the deficit next quarter is likely to be tolerable. The pressure on the rupee has eased with the RBI scheme to attract dollar deposits, and will ease further with the signing of the peace agreement.

In sum, India has emerged looking strong from great challenges. It bodes well for the future. ■

Dancing Girl cover-up reveals more about us than we think

BY INVITATION

SANDIP ROY

Earlier this year, artist Shakibul Islam went to the Lepakshi temple in Andhra Pradesh. He was shocked to find that the stone relief figures of the 16th-century temple, both male and female, had their private parts discreetly covered by strips of cloth. What was worse, the modesty strips had been nailed in place. When he asked the security guard how this could be done in a site protected by the Archaeological Survey of India, the guard replied, "Local families come here. They have done this, so there's no bad influence on their children. We cannot do anything."

Islam was so distraught at what he felt was an assault on India's art history that he wondered how far back this impulse to censor could extend. So, he created an artwork based on the oldest nude art object he knew from Indian history — the iconic 4,500-year-old bronze statuette of the so-called Dancing Girl of Mohenjo-daro. In his version, a strip of white is draped across her body, discreetly hiding most of her naked torso. He never exhibited it, but within two months, to his utter shock, his satirical vision had become reality.

NUDE PRUDES: Are children just the fig leaf here for our own discomfort with nudity?

An NCERT textbook swathed the Dancing Girl in a more family-friendly wrap, which oddly drew more attention to its original nudity. Its logic was the same as the security guard's — saving children from "bad influences." An uproar ensued. Educationist and historian Michel Danino said it "misrepresented" a beautiful work of art much as the Church in the Middle Ages did when it added a fig leaf to Michelangelo's David. The decision was quickly reversed, but the questions it raises about our obsession with defining what is vulgar and obscene remain.

The Dancing Girl is no stranger to controversy. Almost 30 years ago, BJP leaders had objected to her being included in a Delhi Tourism brochure because she could have a "bad influence" on children. Deja View, much?

She was dubbed the 'Dancing Girl', but that itself is an assumption. We actually know nothing about her. Mythologist Devdutt Pattanaik said, "This is also exactly the way a woman stands when she is quarrelling. Why can't you see a petulant girl? Perhaps there is some ritual purpose. But we have decided she has to be a dancing girl. Just as we decided a man with a beard and shawl must be a priest king."

In fact, calling her a Dancing Girl says less about her and more about us. It is all in the eye of the beholder. Just like vulgarity and obscenity, terms we struggle to define.

The Regina v Hicklin (1868) case established the Hicklin test, which said if a portion of a work was deemed obscene (as in it could "deprave and corrupt"), the entire work could be outlawed. The case at issue was whether an anti-Catholic pamphlet showing the "depravity of the Romish priesthood" could be banned since its intent was to show the problems afflicting the Church, not corrupt the public. The Hicklin test ruled it could. In the US, the Hicklin test was finally laid to rest in 1933 when a judge ruled that one could not just cherry-pick passages from James Joyce's Ulysses and call it obscene. And it said the court needed to consider its impact on the average person, not just the most susceptible person.

Indian courts used the Hicklin test to prosecute a bookseller selling unexpurgated editions of 'Lady Chatterley's Lover' in 1964. But India has since moved away from the Hicklin test, relying on "community standards" instead. So, a nude photograph of Boris Becker and his fiancée was deemed journalistic, not obscene in Aveek Sarkar v State of West Bengal in 2014. But as the case against YouTuber Ranveer 'BeerBiceps' Allahbadia shows, obscenity is always a work in progress.

We say it is about protecting the children, but are children just the fig leaf here for our own discomfort? We live in a world where murals of women doing yoga in Gwalior had to be whitewashed because vandals kept leaving scratch marks around their private parts. One doubts whether this came about because these people saw the Dancing Girl in their history books as impressionable children.

Recently, US President Trump celebrated his 80th birthday with a high-octane 'cage fight' on the White House lawn. Conservative commentator Bill Kristol said the event captured something about this particular historical moment. "After all, it's vulgar, it's violent, it's commercial, it's grandiose, it's tacky, and it dishonours a place once thought worthy of care and respect. In other words, it's Donald Trump."

But put side by side, this dressing down of Trump's cage fight and the dressing up of the Dancing Girl remind us that while we relentlessly cover up what we deem as obscene, we are more than happy to flaunt the vulgar. ■

WORD DROP

YIMBY

As cities grapple with housing crises, population growth, and the challenge of creating more inclusive urban spaces, a housing advocacy movement is gaining momentum in the US The YIMBY ('Yes In My Backyard') movement argues for building more homes in cities to tackle housing shortages and rising costs. YIMBY groups typically challenge restrictive zoning

laws, height limits, and lengthy approval processes that delay new housing developments. They also support higher-density housing and improved public transit connectivity. The movement has gained traction among economists, urban planners, and younger residents struggling to enter expensive housing markets. Critics, however, argue that more housing does not automatically guarantee affordability.

INBOX

SERIOUS CONCERN

Apropos of 'Hum do, humare teen...' (ATM, June 14), the decline in Total Fertility Rate is a matter of serious concern. Even in the era of AI, the requirement of a human workforce is still essential at many places. Govt must incentivise childbirths to maintain TFR at optimum level.

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Behind the data centre boom, there's more than meets the AI

BY INVITATION

JASPREET BINDRA

Earlier this year, Andhra Pradesh laid the foundation for Google's $15 billion AI hub in Visakhapatnam, a hyperscale data centre project with AdaniConneX and Airtel Nxtra as partners. Adani has also announced plans to invest $100 billion in renewable-powered, AI-ready data centres by 2035. Tata's data centre business has signed up OpenAI as a customer, starting with 100 MW of capacity. Others are circling the same opportunity. India's data centre capacity, already growing fast, is expected to cross 3 GW by 2028. Instead of San Francisco or Seattle, the AI cloud will now be built in India, by Indian engineers. For a country that has spent years saying that it must not miss the AI bus, this is good news. Indian companies need local compute and affordable access to models, the govt and armed forces need sovereign AI infrastructure, and our GCCs are becoming serious AI deployment engines for the world. If AI is the new electricity, India cannot remain dependent on someone else's turbines and grid.

However, most often we think of 'the cloud' as a fluffy white thing floating harmlessly above us. But this cloud needs land, water, power, cooling systems, diesel backups, permissions, tax breaks, and, often, silence from the people who live nearby.

The biggest shadow it casts is on water. Nearly 600 million Indians face high to extreme water shortage, and water demand is expected to be twice the supply by 2030. When local communities feel that companies are sipping from the same aquifer as farmers and households, it results in societal backlash. Tensions are already visible in the US. Closer home, the Plachimada Coca-Cola dispute in Kerala became a symbol of a deeper fear that corporate thirst can empty village wells faster than nature can refill them.

And compared to AI data centres, soft-drink bottling looks like just the appetiser. A medium-sized data centre can consume roughly 110 million gallons of water a year to cool its AI servers and GPUs, enough for around a thousand households. Large facilities can use up to 5 million gallons a day, comparable to a small town's needs. Multiple estimates suggest that India's current data centres consume 150 billion litres of water annually, and this is before the AI expansion really takes off! There is also electricity, the data-centre demand for which could reach an eye-watering 13.56 GW by 2031/32. If it is planned well, powered by renewables and connected to new grid capacity, it can strengthen India's energy transition. Planned badly, the 'AI factory' will become the new VIP consumer, with assured power, while the ordinary citizen gets load-shedding and higher tariffs.

Then comes land. Land acquisition in India has rarely been a happy story. Data centres take acres, and do not create employment in proportion to the land and power they consume. Even noise is an issue with their constant unsettling hum. In parts of the US, residents living near data centres complain about sleep disruptions. So, what should we do? Stopping the building of data centres is not the solution. AI infrastructure will be as important to the 21st century as dams, railways, ports and power plants —evocatively referred to as the 'temples of Modern India' — were to the 20th. The question is whether these become the Bhakra-Nangal dams of the AI age, or the East India Company factories of the compute age — impressive structures that extract local resources for distant masters.

THIS CLOUD CAN HAVE A SILVER LINING: India needs to build data centres but to avoid a US-style backlash, the focus should be on safeguards and sustainability

- First, take a cue from China. Its 'East Data, West Computing' strategy moves data centres to western regions with cheaper land, abundant renewable energy and natural cooling, while serving demand-heavy eastern cities through networks. In other words, build compute where resources are plentiful, and pipe intelligence to where demand lives. India too can put large AI data centres where water, clean power, climate, land and grid capacity make sense, not where politics, subsidies or proximity to a port make a deal attractive.
- Second, make every AI data centre disclose its expected water usage, source and cooling technology, before approvals are granted.
- Third, price resources honestly. If a data centre needs premium power, land and water, it should pay for it. Part of the project economics should fund municipal water systems, grid upgrades, local schools, skilling centres and health facilities, so that local communities see tangible benefit, not just national pride.
- Finally, India should build green data-centre standards and regulations before a US-style backlash begins. Using recycled or non-potable water, dry cooling in water-stressed regions, renewable power purchase agreements, buffer zones for noise and independent audits.

India should build the AI factories it needs. But it must build them with the wisdom of a civilisation that has always known the sacredness of water, land and energy. The cloud is welcome, but it should not cast a dark shadow on Indian soil. Else the backlash will force it to come down to earth. ■

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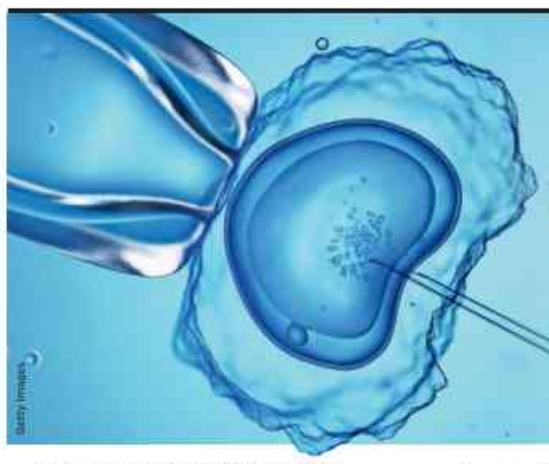

'I love these twins, but where are mine?' An IVF mix-up raises questions

As a Gurugram couple battles for justice, experts say there is a need for more oversight of India's booming IVF sector

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Forty-year-old Rahul Rathor seems like one of those annoyingly happy new fathers who eagerly pull out their children's photos and videos for unsuspecting strangers to admire. The video he plays has pink and blue balloons, a tiny cupcake with a candle, a happy tune playing in the background, and twin infants in fluffy white dresses. But he isn't sure the kids he and his wife, Meenu, are showering affection on are theirs.

Earlier this week, the Gurugram couple publicly alleged that the twin girls born to them on Jan 5 this year through an assisted reproductive technology (ART) procedure were genetically not theirs. They posted a video alleging that there had been an embryo swap at the fertility clinic or a child swap at the hospital where the delivery took place, setting off a complicated saga involving the fertility clinic, hospital, police and courts that is unlikely to be resolved soon. An investigation is on, and the Delhi-based hospital and clinic have denied negligence, instead claiming that the Rathors had used two donor embryos, a claim they say would explain why DNA tests found no biological link between the twins and the couple.

As both sides point fingers, 39-year-old Meenu has been caught in turmoil. The everyday reality of caring for the twins has become entangled with grief she cannot fully name. Often, as she feeds the twins, she excuses herself, asking Rahul or her mother-in-law to take over. She has come out of the bathroom red-eyed more than once. "I feel happiness in caring for these babies, but I cannot stop thinking my own might be out there in another's arms."

"My sister was the first to cast doubt after looking at the baby's features. It stayed in my head," Rahul says. On Jan 8, he asked for a DNA test. "The fertility clinic said we don't usually do it, but we can arrange it. But by evening their tone had changed." The couple finally got a DNA test done on their own, and when the results came on Jan 14, showing no match, their world fell apart. "From then on, we have been demanding an investigation from the police, courts, and govt," Rahul says.

Vinay Gupta

Rahul and Meenu Rathor now swing between joy and grief

SWAP SCAM

The Rathors are not the first Indian family to face such a conundrum. In June 2023, the National Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission held a Delhi fertility clinic and its doctors guilty of negligence. A Hyderabad-based couple, Dinesh and Priyanka Tandon, had undergone an ART procedure in Oct 2008, with embryo transfer completed days later and twin girls born in June 2009.

It was only when one twin's blood group came back as AB-positive — biologically impossible given the parents' blood groups of B-positive and O-negative — that questions arose. A paternity DNA profile conducted at Hyderabad's Centre for Cellular and Molecular Biology in Dec 2009 confirmed that the father was not biologically related to the twins. The couple sought compensation for the emotional trauma.

By the time the Commission ordered the clinic to pay Rs 1.5 crore in compensation, the girls were 14 years old, raised for over a decade by parents now legally acknowledged to have been deceived.

The order was unsparing about why such failures recur: clinics moving too quickly to donor gametes to inflate success rates, gamete mixing without patient knowledge, gynecologists opening ART clinics without specialised training, and a regulatory system without firm timelines for accreditation. Among its recommendations was one that echoes directly into the Rathors' present ordeal — that DNA profiling of babies born through ART procedures be made mandatory. The order, however, hangs in limbo as it has been challenged by the fertility clinic in the Supreme Court.

UNREGULATED BOOM

One reason for the lack of monitoring is the boom in fertility clinics across the country. There are over 4,000 fertility clinics and banks registered with the govt's National ART and Surrogacy Registry, but industry estimates peg the number closer to 40,000.

IVF specialist Dr Aniruddha Malpani says that the Gurugram case is just the tip of the iceberg. "If DNA profiling is made mandatory, we will find many more malpractices, but it serves everyone to have sleeping dogs lie."

Malpani says that the industry has become heavily commercialised. "When I started my IVF clinic, doctors were perceived as gods for having the ability to give hope to couples who could not conceive. Now, they have become salespersons with monthly targets," he adds.

Legal experts say that one of the biggest challenges is that in most IVF clinics, there are multiple people involved, including some who serve as consultants. Also, there is no comprehensive oversight of the process handled by the embryologist, gynecologist, and hospital owner.

In recent years, there have been several instances of IVF clinics being used as fronts for child trafficking and commercial surrogacy. In 2025, the police arrested 25 people after a couple complained they were charged Rs 35 lakh for surrogacy, only to be given a trafficked baby. The police later found that no surrogacy procedure was undertaken at Universal Srushti Fertility Centre in Secunderabad. A similar racket was busted by the Delhi police this week, with investigations revealing that fabricated medical and supporting documents, including hospital records, delivery-related documents, birth-related records, and other supporting papers, were arranged to falsely establish parentage and facilitate the illegal sale of infants.

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A Florida Couple With A South Asian Baby

An embryo mix-up dispute hit the headlines in the US recently. The case revolved around Shea, who was born in Dec 2025 to Tiffany Score and Steven Mills. The couple had undergone IVF at a Florida clinic in 2020 and stored three embryos.

Genetic testing later showed Shea was 100% South Asian, despite both parents being white. The couple sued the clinic, which has since closed. The South Asian couple who did not know their embryo had been used were traced, and finally, a custody agreement was reached just this month. Shea will be raised by the Florida couple, but the agreement allows the South Asian biological parents to remain a part of her life.

LEGAL RECOURSE

Dr Sunil Khattri, lawyer specialising in surrogacy and IVF laws, says embryo mix-up cases are rare but traumatic, nonetheless. "Aggrieved parents can seek relief by filing a criminal complaint for breach of trust and cheating, and there can be an investigation, but once a child is born, he or she is the responsibility of the parents," he says.

The ART (Regulation) Act outlines offences including gamete/embryo sale or trade, sexual selection, exploitation of donors or couples, and improper use, providing for penalties of up to 10 years of imprisonment and Rs 25 lakh in fine. The license of the fertility clinic can also be suspended.

Malpani says that the only way to combat this information asymmetry between patients and doctors is to educate people so there can be transparency and accountability. "When patients ask questions, they are dismissed, with doctors saying, 'How does it matter now that you have a baby?' This must stop. People involved in wrongdoing must be punished so that others are not emboldened," he says.

In the meantime, Rathors are besieged with calls, sometimes at midnight, from strangers wanting to adopt the twins and others accusing them of abandoning the children. Having lost faith in the system, they are appealing to other parents' decency. Rahul says, "If you had an IVF treatment at the clinic on May 14 last year or delivered twins on Jan 5, please get them DNA tested. They might be ours."

A biryani joke and the men who laughed

Nishad Sanzagiri

For those who missed the latest episode in our national circus of misogyny dressed up as banter, a clip from comedian Pranit More's stand-up show recently went viral. During a crowd-work segment, an audience member, Himanshu Jangra, began talking about a date. He had taken a woman out, paid Rs 370 for her biryani, and when she later wanted to go home, suggested that this was somehow unacceptable because he had spent money on her. He used the word vasooli — recovery, extraction, getting back what is owed — and here, it was being used for sex.

The comment was obscene. But the more uncomfortable thing was the ease with which it landed. The audience laughed, the host egged him on, and a line about sexual entitlement became comedy. Before the outrage, before the apology, before Jangra's eventual firing by his employer, the room rewarded him.

It is tempting to treat this as a story about one vulgar man. It is more useful to see it as a story about masculinity: what men learn from other men, what we laugh at in WhatsApp groups where misogyny passes as humour, what we let pass unchallenged, and what women are left to explain afterwards.

This is where the podcast bros bring in the 'men in crisis' narrative. Male loneliness is real, and I am not dismissing it. Gallup's 2025 analysis found that one in four American men aged 15 to 34 reported feeling lonely a lot the previous day. In India, the data is thin, and research on social isolation remains focused largely on the elderly. Perhaps that absence is revealing too. In a culture where men are still expected to provide and endure, loneliness may not always be named as loneliness. It may appear instead as anger, withdrawal, overwork, resentment, or silence.

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Increasingly, men are told that women have become too free, men too soft, and that the solution lies in restoring an older order

But the diagnosis being sold to men is wrong. Increasingly, the loudest voices tell them that women have become too free, men too soft, feminism too powerful, and that the solution lies in restoring an older order where men provide, and women adjust. It surfaces at family events and in WhatsApp forwards, in jokes about women who earn too much or refuse to 'adjust', and in the idea that every failed relationship is another data point in evidence of civilisational decline.

It is patriarchy with a podcast mic.

Helen Lewis, writing recently in The Atlantic, calls this broader ideological project 'masculinism': not just influencers like Andrew Tate selling resentment, but a worldview that treats feminism as the source of social decline. In India too, this nostalgia has its own vocabulary: declining "family values", rising divorce rates, women becoming too independent, and men too weak. Some of these anxieties attach themselves to real changes. Families are changing, and modern dating is confusing. But the manosphere takes a real anxiety and attaches a false cause.

Women did not create male loneliness by becoming freer, and they are not responsible for curing it by becoming smaller.

Much of this talk of traditional masculinity is also oddly thin. Which tradition are we talking about? The village elder? The king? The monk? The ascetic? The poet? The man who renounces the world or the man who rules over it? They are not the same person. And yet, in the online imagination, they get flattened into one figure: dominant, heterosexual, physically strong, emotionally contained, sexually successful, obeyed by women, admired by men, and always certain of his place.

Sociologist R W Connell coined the term 'hegemonic masculinity' to describe the culturally dominant ideal of manhood against which other men are measured. Most men are not exceptionally wealthy, powerful, stoic, dominant or sexually successful. Yet the manosphere sells an exaggerated version of this ideal while pretending it is natural and universal. What makes this stranger still is that our own religious and mythological traditions, so often invoked by the defenders of tradition, rarely imagine masculinity so narrowly.

Shiva is terrifying as Bhairava, but also Nataraja, the cosmic dancer. He is the destroyer, but also the ascetic and husband, a yogi and a householder. In Ardhanarishvara, the form where Shiva and Parvati share a single body, masculinity is not made impure by the presence of the feminine. It is made whole instead.

Even the *Mahabharata* begins its most famous philosophical moment with a man falling apart. Arjuna stands on the battlefield and cannot go through with the war. His body trembles, his mouth dries, his bow slips from his hand. He is not weak because he hesitates. If anything, there would be no Gita without a man publicly acknowledging an emotional breakdown over a moral dilemma.

The old epics were often more complicated than the new podcasts. But the men who talk most loudly about tradition often seem to know the least about it. They want the father, the warrior, the patriarch, and the king. They do not know what to do with the dancer, the mourner, the friend, or the devotee. They do not know how to hold space for the man who listens, the man who loves, or the man who doubts.

When the biryani clip went viral, women did most of the explaining. They explained the entitlement beneath the joke. They said, again and again, that paying for dinner does not create a debt. Many men agreed quietly, perhaps, but silent agreement is not enough.

The room should have gone quiet when a man said he would recover a Rs 370 investment via a woman's body. It didn't. So, the question is not only what kind of man says something like that. It is what kind of men laugh when he does.

And until men are willing to have these conversations with each other — about loneliness, rejection, consent, and responsibility — the manosphere will keep having them for us.

INQUIZITIVE

JOY BHATTACHARJYA

1 Which nation's team dressed up as Vikings, complete with helmets and a longboat, in a photoshoot to publicise their squad for the 2026 FIFA World Cup?

2 The Trionda, literally meaning Triple Wave in honour of the three hosts of the tournament, is the new ball created specifically for this World Cup. In which Asian nation is it manufactured?

3 Which musical instrument, most recently seen around Boston being played by fans of a particular nation, comprises of an air supply, a bag, chanter and pipes known as drones?

4 Which nation playing the 2026 World Cup gets its name from the fact that a valuable substance, currently banned from trading, used to be found and sold to European nations across the sea from its borders?

5 Which World Cup 2026 team is an island country in the Caribbean, within the Kingdom of Netherlands and is well-known for its bitter orange-based liqueur, named after the country?

6 Which country is not a part of Asia, but has chosen to play in the Asian Football Confederation championships since 2007 and has qualified as one of the nine countries from Asia for the 2026 World Cup?

7 Also known as the Hashemite Kingdom, which Asian country bordered by Syria to the north, Iraq to the east, Saudi Arabia to the south and Israel and Palestine to the South has qualified for the first time for the FIFA World Cup?

8 Mexico actually hosted a second World Cup in 1986, just 16 years after hosting its first in 1970. Which South American country, beset with financial issues and battling drug lords like Pablo Escobar, gave up the rights to host the tournament allowing Mexico to step in?

9 Which specific shoe created by Adidas was designed in 1949 one year before the 1950 World Cup in Brazil, and shares its name with a famous Brazilian dance often associated with the Rio carnival?

10 In 1974, two countries played in the World Cup where the hosts and eventual champions lost to their neighbours. These two countries became one again in 1990. Name both countries

ANSWERS

1 | Norway
2 | Pakistan (Forward Sports in Sialkot)
3 | Bagpipes, played by Scottish fans
4 | Cote d'Ivoire, or Ivory Coast
5 | Curacao (its coach Advocaat also shares his name with a liqueur)
6 | Australia
7 | Jordan
8 | Colombia
9 | The Adidas Samba
10 | East and West Germany (The only match champions West Germany lost in 1974 was to East Germany)

Here comes the sun, and a lifeline against it

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As heatwaves grow deadlier, a new kind of weather insurance is putting cash into the hands of informal workers when temperatures spike

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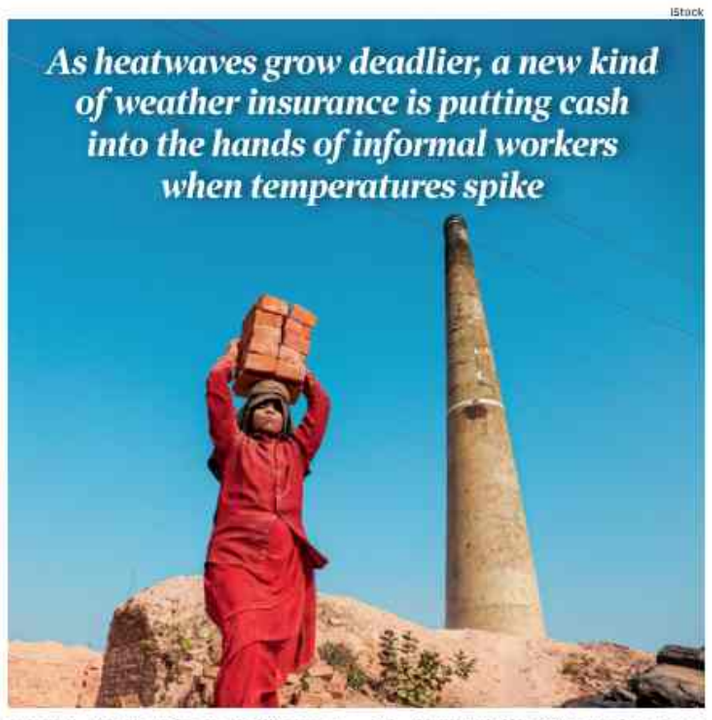

This summer, as temperatures across India shattered records, some outdoor workers found an unusual safety net: insurance that paid out automatically when the heat became unbearable.

Nirmala Parmar spent hers on lemons. By the next afternoon, they were floating in a steel pot of nimbu paani in her Ahmedabad home. "I get around Rs 500 for my daily work. It is not enough for my monthly expenses. As soon as this insurance money came into my account, I went straight to the market."

At construction sites across Ahmedabad, she spends hours carrying cement and mixing concrete in the hot sun. Drinking water is scarce, and many women avoid it because there are no toilets. In 2024, when a payout of Rs 1,152 arrived under her heat insurance policy, Parmar bought 25 kg of wheat at one go. "There were days I couldn't feed my family rotis. That year, I could stock wheat for four months."

A study by UC Berkeley researchers last month found that extreme heat causes about 3,400 excess deaths in a single day in India, around 40 times higher than official estimates. India also reportedly lost nearly 247 billion labour hours to extreme heat in 2024, translating into roughly $194 billion in economic losses, according to a study by The Lancet.

Several organisations have now launched parametric heat insurance programmes to support gig and informal workers whose earnings vanish when temperatures become unsafe. For India's vast informal workforce, losing a day to extreme heat means losing that day's wages entirely. Heat insurance is an attempt to change that. And unlike traditional insurance, these policies require no paperwork, medical bills or proof of damage. The weather data itself is the proof.

When The Thermometer Pays

Most informal workers are already attached to self-help groups, cooperatives and trade unions such as Sewa and the Mahila Housing Trust (MHT), which work with insurers to collect premiums and ensure instant payouts when trigger temperatures are breached.

The threshold differs across regions because heat risk varies widely across India. North Indian cities typically see payouts begin at around 44 degrees Celsius, while western cities such as Mumbai and Pune have lower thresholds because heat stress is amplified by humidity. Some programmes, like MHT's, use tiered payouts linked to rising temperatures.

PLAYBOOK: Mahila Housing Trust uses a game to explain heat insurance benefits

Parmar is enrolled in Sewa's heatwave insurance programme which started as 21,000-woman pilot in Gujarat in 2023. It has expanded this year to over 2,50,000 informal women workers across Rajasthan, Maharashtra, Bihar, Uttar Pradesh, Assam, Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh. Beneficiaries range from salt-pan workers and street vendors to construction labourers and waste recyclers. "We have seen reduced income shocks, continued purchase of essentials, less distress borrowing and support for children's education during climate events," says Rajvi Joshipura, senior coordinator at Sewa.

A 2025 study by the Council on Energy, Environment and Water (CEEW) mapped a heat risk index across all Indian districts. Nearly 57% fall in the high-to-very-high-risk category, housing almost three-quarters of India's population. Beyond non-profits, state govts in Maharashtra and Tamil Nadu are now interested in rolling out parametric insurance programmes. "It has strong potential, and there is considerable scope to integrate it into heat action plans (HAPs). However, while many pilots have been conducted, scaling them remains difficult," says Vishwas Chitale, fellow at CEEW who works with states to build HAPs. "The fundamental challenge is that people are often unwilling or unable to pay premiums. This is where sensitisation becomes important. People need to understand that climate-related hazards are becoming more frequent and severe. Paying even a small premium can provide protection during a season or over the course of a year," says Chitale. He adds that many models depend on philanthropic foundations to cover the premium for the initial years, but the challenge arises once support ends. Also, different weather reports can provide varying data, leading to disputes over whether a claim is valid. "For example, there were instances when the India Meteorological Department (IMD) issued red alerts and people were advised not to work outdoors, but the insurance model depended on the Europe-based ERA5 data, which did not cross the pre-defined threshold, so the payouts were not triggered. If IMD data is used both for setting thresholds and issuing alerts, the system will likely be much better aligned," adds Chitale.

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Jan Sahas, a non-profit that partnered with insurance firms and a Godrej Properties' CSR initiative, has expanded its parametric insurance to include monsoon risks and humidity-linked heat stress in cities such as Mumbai and Pune. This year, more than 1,900 informal workers in Mumbai and Pune received payouts of Rs 2,500-3,000. Ganesh Anand Kamble is one of them. The 29-year-old construction worker in Pune commutes 22 kms to a building site in Balewadi. "This summer I fell sick many times, from tummy upset to fever." Each day of leave costs him Rs 800 in lost wages. "It's hard to get Rs 3,000 just sitting at home," he says. "Considering how I've been working in spite of an accident and that my livelihood depends on it regardless of the temperature, this amount means a lot."

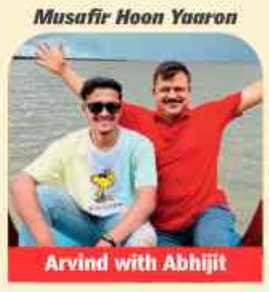
Betting On Bad Weather

Yet the insurance remains a hard sell. "If women pay premiums and see no immediate returns, they lose interest," says Bhavna Maheriya, who oversees climate resilience and community energy programmes at MHT. "It will take about five years for women to ease into it. But once they receive a payout, they have the willingness to invest the next year."

To help women understand climate risks and insurance decisions, MHT collaborated with Fields of View, a public-policy gaming non-profit, to develop a board game in which players roll a dice to navigate weather shocks and choose from spending, saving and buying insurance.

It's almost ironic that some now wait for extreme heat. Lata Solanki has been watching the thermometer all summer. The 44-year-old sells women's garments from a jhola in Ahmedabad's gullies. "When it's this hot, people don't step out of their houses, and we aren't allowed inside gated societies, so I hardly make any sales," she says. In 2024, Rs 750 landed in her account when temperatures crossed the threshold. Last year, however, was a washout—literally. "Because it rained as soon as it got hot." Though Ahmedabad has sweltered this year, satellite data has yet to trigger a payout. She remains hopeful. "I haven't seen temperatures like this in my entire life. So, I'm confident it will come."

Song: *Doli Ye Khinchi Dori*
Sukhoolal with Manisha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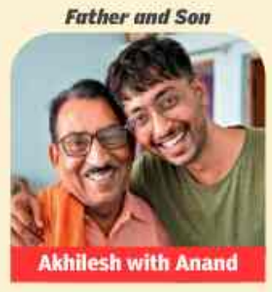

Father and Son
Akhilesh with Anand

Meet the dads who help their daughters deal with pads, lads and everything in between

Gone are the days when a papa's role was limited to pampering the daughter, and mom did the heavy lifting, especially during her adolescent and teen years. Across the world, some dads are smashing stereotypical parenting boundaries to support their daughters' menstrual journey and help them navigate crushes and relationships. This Father's Day, ***Neha Bhayana*** *spoke to three girl dads to know how they dealt with first periods and first crushes*

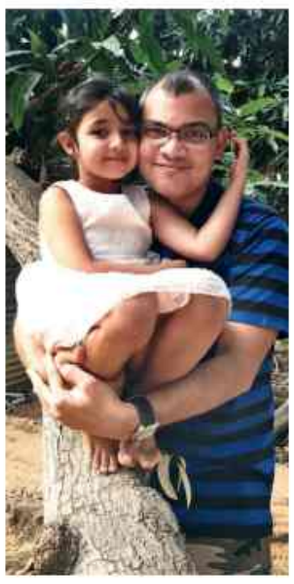
'WE USED TO DISCUSS TOYS. NOW, WE TALK BOYS, AND THAT'S COOL'

SRINIVAS CHAGANTI, TARA'S FATHER

When teen girls want to talk about crushes or decode conversations with a boy, they usually talk to their female bestie or their mom if she is the 'cool type'. Some even discuss their feelings with an AI chatbot to avoid judgment. But 14-year-old Tara simply runs to her 'dada' and pours her heart out. He has worked to build a strong bond with his daughter, and they literally talk about any topic under the sun. "Toys are important to them when they are kids. Boys are important to them at this age. So, why shouldn't we talk about them?" says the finance professional, adding that he has even helped Tara think of ways in which she can strike up a conversation with a boy she was interested in.

Chaganti and his wife Seemanthini Iyer, a parenting educator, had decided early on that theirs would be a gender-agnostic household, and they would keep the channels of communication open with their kids (their son is older) so they can freely talk to their parents about anything. Besides, they hope to be realistic and don't expect their kids to not date. That's why Chaganti has never uttered the typical 'trad dad' dialogues like "focus on your studies" or "this is not the age for thinking about boys."

He was, in fact, the first to talk to Tara about periods when she was eight. "I used to read



storybooks with Tara, and one day she picked a book called 'Just for girls' off the shelf, so I read it with her and that led to a chat about growing up changes," he says. A year later, during a long road journey from Chennai to Mahabalipuram, they happened to discuss puberty again. So, Chaganti explained periods, breast enlargement and other changes girls notice in their body as they grow. "I told her that every girl and boy's body changes as they grow, and that you should be ok with how it changes rather than fight it out. I wanted her to be mentally and emotionally prepared for it," he says.

Was there any awkwardness? "None at all," he says. "It was just like discussing Lego and Disney characters."

Chaganti wasn't always so comfortable talking about menstruation. He grew up in a conservative home where they had never mentioned the word. "It was a taboo topic for us. I didn't even understand much. I got to know about what women go through only after marriage, and that's why I decided to support my daughter."

Dating and sex are not taboo topics in their home either. To get Tara to open up about crushes, Chaganti had started talking to her about his own crushes. Soon enough, she was talking too. In fact, he also told her in a "matter-of-fact way" that "One day you will like someone and he will like you, and maybe your hormones will take over, and you will have the odd kiss. It's very normal." He had also talked to her about how she should have sex only when she feels physically safe and mentally and emotionally ready. "I want Tara to be comfortable enough to talk to me about anything. God forbid, if she ends up in an abusive relationship, at least she would be able to turn around and say, 'Dad, this guy did this and I didn't like it. What should I do?'" he says.

Chaganti is glad he has talked to Tara about all the topics that dads usually avoid. "As Tara has grown, our bond has become stronger. Perhaps, without these kinds of conversations, she would have seen her dad as another man, rather than a friend," he says.

'MAKING PLAITS TO NAVIGATING PUBERTY, I HAD TO LEARN IT ALL'

UJJWAL NAGAR, LAVISHKA'S FATHER

When Ujjwal Nagar took his five-year-old daughter Lavishka on a trek, he thought he was well-prepared. He had all the right gear, appropriate shoes and ample food supplies, but what he had forgotten to do was to learn how to comb a girl's hair and make a plait or ponytail. He took the help of fellow female trekkers for this. Once they returned home, he took a demo from his wife and practised for days to master the skill. "It doesn't come naturally to men. This was one of the toughest tasks to learn. I would often get into a tangle doing it," he says, adding that he is a pro now.

Over the next few years, the father-daughter duo climbed many mountains. In 2018, Lavishka, then seven, became the youngest person to complete the Roopkund trek.

Handling hair was just the first of many lessons Nagar learnt as a girl dad. Lavishka is 15 now and an accomplished track-and-field athlete. She travels for competitions in India and abroad eight to ten times a year, and Nagar accompanies her while his wife stays back with their younger one. "As I am the parent who is with her, I had to learn a lot of things in order to teach her. I spoke to her about safe and unsafe touch as well as periods," he says.

When Lavishka turned 10, Nagar and his wife started talking to her about the changes she would go through and preparing her for menstruation. Nagar admits he was a bit concerned about how he would explain periods, but there was no awkwardness. "The only challenge was how to put it as simply as possible so that a 10-year-old understands. There was no point in going into the science of it, I preferred to use analogies," he says.

Nagar ensures they always carry supplies and says that periods have never stopped Lavishka from training or competing. After Lavishka turned 13, Nagar also had "multiple short chats" with her about boys and dating. "She is comfortable talking to me about everything. She told me when a boy proposed to her, and she turned him down," he says.

Nagar believes that if a parent has a good connection with their child, they will know what stage their child is entering and what talk they need to have to help them sail through. "I think it is better to have a pre-emptive talk rather than waiting till something happens and then reacting," he says.

'I WANTED MY DAUGHTER TO ENJOY HER PERIODS, NOT FEEL PUNISHED'

SAZEAL SHAH, HRIHII'S FATHER

Sazeal Shah (43) can never forget the day he was asked to not go near his mother. He was just two or three years old then and had gone to his maternal grandmother's house. "When I asked why I could not touch my mother, the women around said: 'Kaagdo adakyo' which means a crow bit her. I did not understand why that should stop me from going to my mom and felt very upset," he says.

Over the years, Shah noticed how his mother was not allowed to enter the kitchen or touch pickle on certain days of the month. After marriage, he saw that his wife, too, was secluded during her period. She would even sit on the floor to eat rather than at the dining table with the rest of the family.

That's why when he had a baby girl in 2012, he decided he would never treat his daughter differently and would ensure her first period was a happy occasion. "I wanted my daughter to enjoy her periods and not feel punished," he says.

To mentally prepare Hrihii for puberty, Shah spoke with her when she was around 11. He also made a period research document for himself with information about what different communities do when their girls attain puberty. "Families in the south do a puja, make good food and give their daughters a gift when she gets her first period. Unfortunately, I was not in town when she got her first period, so I couldn't do what I had planned," he says.

A few months later, Shah had another talk with Hrihii after attending a puja. "I took her to the food court and asked her if she thinks we should have done puja during her period. She immediately said, 'Oh no, we shouldn't have done that." Shah then spoke to her about Shakti Peeth in India, including the Kamakhya mandir, to explain to her that there should be no shame associated with menstruation. "I told her that perhaps in the olden times, people did not want women to physically tire themselves doing housework, so they told them to lie down in a room and over time, that kind of led to them being treated as untouchables during those days of the month."

Shah points out that Hrihii is 13 now and is very comfortable discussing her monthly cycle with her dad, thanks to their talks. She even approaches him and asks for a back massage when she is in pain due to her period. Shah has spoken to Hrihii about dating too and has told her she can come and tell him when there is a boy in her life. "I just tell her to ensure the boy loves her more than I love her," he laughs.

'There are many momfluencers today, but getting to hear a dad's perspective on parenting is still quite rare'

He is one of the most popular baddies on the small screen, but in real life, ***Karanvir Bohra*** *is putty in the hands of his three daughters. A hilarious post on Instagram shows the muscular TV actor with a ponytail and blue tutu skirt, spinning on one foot like a wind-up doll after his youngest turns a pretend key on his back. Bohra, who has been part of many hit dramas like 'Kasauti Zindagi Kay' and 'Shararat', spoke to* ***Neha Bhayana*** *about fatherhood and how he talks so his kids listen*

What is the toughest part of being a father of three girls? And what is the best?

The toughest part of being a father to three girls will come when they become teenagers, when they start having their own likes and dislikes, crushes, late-night plans, and a world of their own. The best part of being a girl dad is knowing that no matter how grown up they become, a part of their heart will always belong to you...and they'll always love you the most.

Do you worry about how you will react to late-night plans, boyfriends, tattoos and drinking when your daughters grow up? Are you a conservative dad or a cool one?

I think I'm a pretty cool dad, but I don't know how I'm going to react when boyfriends enter the picture or when my daughters go through their first heartbreaks. I know it is all part of life, and while my instinct will be to protect them, I hope I'll also be understanding.

As for things like partying, tattoos, drinking, and all other choices they will make as they grow up, I may not always agree with everything. There will definitely be moments that challenge me. But I don't want to be the kind of father who controls or forces. I want to be someone they can always talk to, someone who guides rather than dictates. A dad who is a mix of fierce and understanding, who sets boundaries but never stops listening.

You enrolled your twins, Bella and Vienna, in a school in Canada during the pandemic (they moved there with their mom, Teejay Sidhu), and your younger one Gia joined them later. Are they still living in Canada?

The past two years have been difficult being away from them while they study in Canada, and I'm here working and attending to my parents. I miss the little moments we once shared every day. Those hugs, conversations, laughter, and simple togetherness...I miss them immensely. My little one, Gia, is such a beautifully free-spirited soul. She stayed with me (in Mumbai) for a year, and those moments were truly special.

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Being a television actor comes with its own challenges. There were days when I would shoot for 12 to 14 hours straight, so many times I'd bring Gia along to the set, and she would just chill with me there. And honestly, she loves the set. If you ask her, "What does papa do?" she'll smile and say, "He's shooting."

What is your trick for getting your kids to listen to you?

There's no trick in the book to make children listen to you. The only real way is to speak to them in their language. Talk to them with respect, as though they are individuals with their own thoughts and emotions. Explain to them what's right, what's wrong, and help them understand the consequences of their choices. And then, instead of forcing an answer on them, ask them gently: "What do you think you should do?"

A section of parents and experts believe the new-age gentle parenting approach is spoiling kids. What is your take on it?

People often misunderstand the meaning of gentle parenting. Gentle parenting does not mean spoiling your child. It means not getting angry over every little thing. It means not constantly scolding them for mistakes, but instead guiding them with patience and understanding. It means giving them your time when they say, "Dad, let's play," "Listen to my story," or "Tell me a story." At the heart of it, gentle parenting is simply about giving your children the quality time, attention, and emotional presence that many of us wish we had received growing up. And at the same time, I completely understand our parents, too. They came from a very different space and generation of parenting, and they did the best they could with what they knew at that time.

In a world of momfluencers, you are among a small number of dads who share their experiences and give parenting tips. How did the idea for your page, 'Parenting with Karanvir Bohra' come up?

That's primarily the reason I chose to share my experiences and the experiences of other fathers as well. There are so many momfluencers today, but very rarely do we get to hear a dad's perspective on parenting or co-parenting. I genuinely felt people needed to hear that side too. That's what led me to start a podcast on my YouTube channel called 'Daddy Adventures'. I've had some really interesting and heartfelt conversations with Karan Singh Grover, Raghu Ram, Tusshar Kapoor, Gurmeet Choudhary, Zaid Darbar, Kiku Sharda and many other dads. What touched me the most was getting such a beautiful insight into how they feel as fathers, the emotional journeys they go through, and how each of them is navigating this entire new-age approach to parenting.

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You had posted about the time when you let one of your twins take a flight to Canada alone when she was seven. These days, most urban parents never let their kids, especially girls, be alone in order to ensure safety, but they end up making them underconfident and dependent. How can parents encourage their kids to be independent without compromising their safety?

I still remember when my dad and uncle pushed me to take a bus alone for the very first time. I was barely 10, travelling from Colaba to Nana Chowk. When I completed that journey by myself, I felt so empowered. Years later, a similar situation arose with my daughter when she had to travel alone because of an issue with my visa. I realised airlines take great care of children travelling solo. I felt secure knowing she was safe, and I could also see how empowered and confident the experience made her feel. I truly believe parents should encourage children to have small adventures and independent experiences — that's how they become mentally and emotionally strong.

How has fatherhood changed you?

Becoming a father changed everything for me. Life is no longer just about my dreams, my ambitions, or my journey. It's about them. Every decision I make now carries a greater sense of responsibility because little eyes are always watching.

What I have learned over the years is that children are not ours to control; they are ours to love, guide and support. My role is not to shape them into who I want them to be, but to help them become who they are meant to be.

Has your parenting journey been a smooth or bumpy one so far? What is the biggest lesson you have learned along the way?

My journey as a father has been like a merry-go-round. I have chased my kids to eat food, get ready, go down and play, go to school, etc. Watching my daughters grow up has given me some of the most beautiful moments of my life; it's like a bouquet of memories I will cherish forever.

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Israeli hits kill 20 in Lebanon, Iran says Hormuz shut again

US-Iran Talks To Begin In Switzerland Today: Pak

Iran said it has closed the Strait of Hormuz for shipping transit due to what it called Israel's violation of a ceasefire, even as Pakistan said US-Iran talks were set to open in Switzerland on Sunday.

Israeli strikes in Lebanon killed at least 20 people on Saturday, Lebanon's state news agency said, one day after a ceasefire with Hezbollah took effect, underscoring the fragility of a truce aimed at halting months of escalating violence.

Israel said the strikes were a response to projectiles fired overnight by the Iran-backed group. An Israeli military official said Hezbollah launched more than 50 projectiles at Israeli forces in southern Lebanon, prompting attacks on what the official described as "Hezbollah targets".

The Hormuz action casts a new cloud over the talks, which are aimed at permanently ending a conflict that's thrown the West Asia into disarray. The immediate impact on vessel traffic was unclear.

Iran's joint military command said the closure is Iran's first step in response to Israel's continued attacks in southern Lebanon, the semi-official Tasnim news agency reported on Saturday.

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TRUMP UNVEILS QATARI 747: President Donald Trump exits the newly designated Air Force One presidential aircraft following a tour at Joint Base Andrews, Maryland, Friday. The jumbo aircraft, offered by Qatar as a gift to the president last year, was overhauled by defence contractor L3Harris Technologies and has been flight-tested and painted in a red, white, dark blue and gold livery that Trump chose

Negotiations on a peace deal were meant to start on Friday, but were delayed after fighting between Israel and Iran-backed Hezbollah militants in Lebanon intensified.

Iran delegation is travelling to Switzerland: State TV

Iranian state TV reported Saturday that a delegation was now en route to the talks, which Pak foreign ministry said will open on Sunday.

Vice President JD Vance, who had originally planned to be in Switzerland on Friday, said US envoys Steve Witkoff and Jared Kushner were already there laying the groundwork for technical talks, and that he hoped to travel there in "the next couple of days."

"I am very confident we can maintain the ceasefire," he said in an interview with Fox News. "We're going to give this negotiation a chance."

The Iranian delegation heading to Switzerland includes Parliament speaker and top negotiator Mohammad Bagher Ghalibaf, foreign minister Abbas Araghchi and central bank governor Abdolnaser Hemmati, according to the state-run IRIB News.

Hopes were running high that normal traffic would resume through the strait, a conduit for about a fifth of the world's oil and natural gas before the war, after US President Donald Trump signed a memorandum of understanding with his Iranian counterpart, Masoud Pezeshkian, to end dual blockades. But the announcement about a new closure suggests the optimism may have been premature.

CENTCOM: 55 merchant ships transiting Hormuz

Ships have been crossing Hormuz using two routes in recent weeks: one by the coast of Iran and another to the south of the waterway by the Omani coast. Iran said in guidance to shipping this week that no ship would cross the waterway without its permission. The middle section between those two routes is believed to have been mined during the war.

On Saturday, US Central Command said commercial ship traffic increased in the strait, with 55 merchant ships transiting cargo and more than 17 million barrels of oil.

"Iran announced the closure of the Strait, but it is not clear yet if that is more than rhetoric," said Daniel Shapiro, a former US ambassador to Israel and senior fellow at the Atlantic Council.

Alaeddin Boroujerdi, an Iranian lawmaker and member of parliament's national security and foreign policy commission, said the Hormuz closure by the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps was a reaction to the one-sided implementation of the initial ceasefire deal. BLOOMBERG

Meloni hits back as Trump escalates G7 photo spat

Rome: Italian Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni told US President on Saturday to look after his own popularity after he accused his Nato ally of trying to boost her domestic ratings by repairing ties with Washington.

The Italian premier had accused Trump on Friday of being a liar for alleging that she had "begged" him for a photo with her during this week's Group of Seven summit in France. He repeated the assertion on Saturday, misspelling her name as "Gigiorgia" as he posted on his Truth Social platform that "she wants to be friends again in order to get her 'numbers up'".

Meloni responded, posting on Instagram in English: "President Trump, these constant, unprovoked attacks are senseless." "My popularity is none of your concern. I suggest you focus on yours," she said.

Meloni's govt, which took office in 2022, has seen public approval rise in opinion surveys to around 35% after a steady decline in 2025. Her Brothers of Italy party leads polls at 28%, with the opposition Democratic Party at about 22%. She rejected his criticism over the use of US military facilities in Italy, saying they were governed by agreements that Rome respected. REUTERS

Russia hits Ukraine's Zaporizhzhia with glide bombs, kills 4

Russian forces struck the southeastern Ukrainian city of Zaporizhzhia with glide bombs on Saturday, killing four people and injuring six, regional governor Ivan Fedorov said on Telegram. Fedorov said there had been nine strikes in the city. He said residents could well be trapped in the rubble of damaged buildings.

Russia also continued attacks across multiple Ukrainian regions on Saturday, with the heaviest casualties reported in Sumy and Kharkiv regions. Two people were killed and 13 injured in the Kharkiv attacks, which included a Russian guided bomb striking a residential building in the city of Kharkiv. Ukraine military reported 99 drones overnight, of which 92 were intercepted.

On the front line, Russia's defence ministry said its forces continued offensive operations in Kostiantynivka in Ukraine's Donetsk region, one of the key Ukrainian strongholds remaining in the eastern part of the country.

Russian forces continue to exert constant pressure around Kostiantynivka, benefiting from a manpower advantage and showing little regard for losses, Ukraine's commander-in-chief Oleksandr Syrskyi said after visiting troops operating in the area late Friday.

Ukraine targets refinery 2,000km inside Russia

Ukraine targeted the Tyumen oil refinery in Russia's Ural region, about 2,000km from the Ukrainian border, extending Kyiv's campaign against Russia's energy infrastructure. Preliminary information indicates the plant wasn't damaged and employees were evacuated. The refinery is one of Russia's largest privately owned oil-processing plants. It can handle about 151,000 barrels of crude a day. BLOOMBERG, REUTERS

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A graduate of the Russian defence ministry's Military University with his loved one at a passing-out ceremony in Moscow, Saturday

Zelensky sends back his Polish honour after row over WWII events

Kyiv: Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky said on Saturday he had returned a state decoration a day after Poland's president said he had stripped him of the award in connection with a dispute over events in World War Two.

Polish President Karol Karol Nawrocki said on Friday he had revoked the medal awarded to Zelensky in 2023, after the Ukrainian president renamed a military unit in honour of World War Two-era Ukrainian insurgents accused of massacring Poles. The row over the role of the Ukrainian Insurgent Army (UPA) threatens to deepen a diplomatic rift between the close strategic partners.

"We believed that the Order of the White Eagle, awarded in 2023, was meant for the Ukrainian People and our army. That is what was said at the time," Zelensky wrote on X. "Today, I sent the Order back to the President of Poland." Zelensky posted a photo of the decoration being packed in a box and being sent to the Polish president's office.

Zelensky's chief of staff, Kyrylo Budanov, said he was renouncing the Golden Officer's Cross of the Order of Merit of the Republic of Poland, awarded to him last year, to protest against a move he described as "a gift" for Russia. Ukrainian foreign minister Andrii Sybiha had earlier called Nawrocki's decision a "strategic error". REUTERS

America@250 swathed in red, white, and blue — and green algae

Chidanand Rajghatta | TNN

Washington: The Lincoln Memorial Reflecting Pool in the US capital was designed to mirror America's greatness. Instead, it is currently redolent of an expensive middle-school science experiment that has gone spectacularly wrong.

What began as US President Donald Trump's ambitious $14 million effort to beautify one of the nation's most iconic landmarks ahead of America's 250th birthday has rapidly transformed into a spectacle — and a controversy — that combines chemistry, biology, politics, social media mockery and a federal infrastructure project gone rogue.

Trump's vision was straightforward enough. The historic and often neglected body of water, stretching between the Lincoln Memorial and the Washington Monument, would receive a patriotic makeover featuring a deep "American Flag Blue" coating intended to create a more dramatic mirror effect. Instead, within days of the makeover, the pool developed a vivid green algae bloom that made the restored monument look less like a shrine to democracy and more like a resort for amphibians.

US National Park Service employees work to remove algae in the Lincoln Memorial Reflecting Pool on Saturday

Social media has responded with the maturity and restraint for which it is famous. One post described the pool as "a giant vat of guacamole guarded by Abraham Lincoln", while another suggested renaming it "Lake MAGA Verde". A photoshopped image showed Lincoln staring solemnly across the green water beneath the caption: "Four score and seven algae blooms ago."

The Trump administration's explanation initially centred on technical factors and unexpected environmental conditions. Critics pointed to a simpler theory routinely taught in science classrooms: dark surfaces absorb heat. Allegations flew about sketchy Trump buddies having won no-bid contracts for the job.

To combat the bloom, workers were then observed pouring hydrogen peroxide into the seven-million-gallon basin, generating a second round of amusement. Jimmy Kimmel joked that Trump "promised to drain the swamp… Instead, he spent $14 million building a new one", while noting, "They've got workers out there dumping gallons of hydrogen peroxide in there —which is also how he colours his hair, by the way." Jordan Klepper of "The Daily Show" offered perhaps the most memorable review, marvelling that the pool looked as though "Shrek had hosted a convention there".

Just as officials appeared to be gaining control of the algae problem, reports emerged that the expensive blue coating itself had begun peeling off. Large fragments reportedly floated to the surface like seaweed in a giant bowl.

Yet, a straightforward maintenance problem quickly acquired political overtones. MAGA commentators and conspiracy theorists accused Dems and Libs of sabotaging the project. The MAGA boss quickly cottoned on to the blame game, suggesting a journalist had deliberately peeled off the coating. Meanwhile, crews deployed an increasingly impressive arsenal of corrective measures, from vacuum systems to water treatments to filtration upgrades.

For Trump, who has long prized visual spectacle and grand symbolism in the nation's capital, the Reflecting Pool was supposed to become a gleaming patriotic centrepiece for the semiquincentennial celebrations. Instead, it has become Washington's most expensive and famous swamp.

Obama opens his presidential museum with call to citizenship

Chicago: Former US President Barack Obama, celebrating a new museum and civic centre dedicated to his eight years in the White House, called on Americans to resist the forces of political cynicism and division and instead embrace "our shared responsibilities as citizens."

The 44th US president, who left office a decade ago, led a crowd of thousands Thursday attending a music-filled grand opening of the Obama Presidential Center, a lakefront Chicago campus of granite, nature and art. He was joined by his wife, former first lady Michelle Obama, and a list of dignitaries that included three other former US presidents, several foreign heads of state and a cluster of A-list recording artists.

By giving up on citizenship, Obama warned, "we open the door to the most ruthless, or the most careless, or the most fearful among us, who see some people and some groups as more equal than others, and see govt as nothing more than a way to divvy up the spoils and punish enemies and keep those who are different in their place." REUTERS

Protests mount in Bangladesh over alleged desecration of Hindu deity

Dhaka: Amid rising concerns over religious intolerance, protests have intensified across Bangladesh over the alleged desecration of an image of Lord Ram by radical Islamists during a demonstration opposing the construction of the tallest statue of the deity in the Gaibandha district, according to local media reports.

As construction of the proposed statue remains on hold, thousands of Hindus marched through Dhaka carrying torches on Friday, chanting "Jai Shri Ram" and seeking action against those allegedly responsible for the desecration. Taking to his social media platform X, Salah Uddin Shoaib Choudhury, editor of the Bangladeshi newspaper Blitz, said, "Thousands of Hindus in Bangladesh went into the streets holding torches and chanting the 'Jay Shri Ram' slogan against the recent notoriety of Islamists against the Sanatan Complex in the Gaibandha district under the Rangpur division as well as disrespecting the portraits of Lord Ram."

The tension came days after Bangladeshi authorities ordered the suspension of the construction of the world's largest statue of Lord Ram at the Sri Sri Radha Govinda and Kali Temple in Palashbari upazila of Gaibandha district, according to local media reports. The decision has sparked strong reactions, with critics alleging that the suspension came under pressure from Islamist groups opposed to the project.

Earlier this week, a group of Dhaka University students organised a procession against the alleged desecration of an image of Lord Ram by an Islamist group in Gaibandha. Addressing the gathering, Ram Prasad Saha Topu, social welfare secretary of the Jagannath Hall Students' Union, described Lord Ram as one of Hinduism's most revered deities. "Recently, one extremist group spread rumours involving Lord Ram, and then another extremist group hit the image of our revered deity with shoes. These acts have hurt the religious sentiments of the Hindu community," Bangladesh's leading newspaper, The Daily Star, quoted Topu as saying.

"We want people of all religions and communities to live in harmony. But a certain group is trying to create division among us, and that force must be resisted," he added. IANS

B'desh PM Tarique looks to Malaysia, China for investment, jobs on first trip

Dhaka: Bangladesh's Prime Minister Tarique Rahman will embark on his first overseas trip since taking office on Sunday, visiting Malaysia and China in a mission aimed at attracting investment, boosting overseas employment and signalling foreign policy priorities. The six-day trip comes as Rahman's administration seeks foreign capital to support an ambitious economic agenda, while strengthening ties with allies. REUTERS

Pre-Hispanic ruins discovered in Mexico

Mexican archaeologists unearthed ancient ruins with signs of Mayan culture as well as "never before seen" characteristics in the eastern state of Veracruz. President Claudia Sheinbaum called the discovery "very relevant" during her morning press conference on Friday, saying her govt would allocate resources for the investigation and restoration of the site.

The site includes a circular stone platform unlike any other unearthed in that part of Mexico. Researchers also discovered a monolith depicting a figure with potential Mayan features, the National Institute of Archaeology and History (INAH) said.

Reuters

Pre-Hispanic sculpture with unusual characteristics discovered by archaeologists

Dating back to the Early Classic period between 200 and 600 AD, the pre-Hispanic ruins include a flagstone and limestone platform adorned with almost squared lines or figures as well as the circular stones.

The stone depicts a scene of a symbolic character, according to experts. AFP

Spanish PM's wife barred from leaving country

A Spanish court has ordered the wife of Prime Minister Pedro Sanchez, Begona Gomez, to stand trial by jury for corruption and banned her from leaving the country, according to a court order released Saturday. The case is one of several corruption affairs that have embroiled the Socialist leader's family and former allies, threatening to topple his minority coalition govt. Judge Juan Carlos Peinado ordered Gomez to hand in her passport and to appear before the court twice a month until a verdict is reached in the case. the ruling said.No date for the politically explosive trial has been set. AFP

Ubisoft co-founder dies in plane crash

Paris: Claude Guillemot, who co-founded French video-game publisher Ubisoft with his brothers in 1986, has died, the company said on Saturday.

"Ubisoft was deeply saddened to learn of the death of Claude Guillemot, co-founder of the group and chairman of Guillemot Corp, in an accident," the statement said. "Our thoughts are with his family and loved ones during this difficult time," it added.

Guillemot, 69, died Friday in a plane crash in La Baule, a resort town on France's Atlantic coast that was scheduled to host an air show this weekend, newspaper Ouest-France reported. He was one of two people aboard the twin-engine Cessna 421 plane. Both passengers died in the incident.

Guillemot helped transform Ubisoft from a mail-order software business into one of the world's largest video game companies, before serving as chair of the family's hardware arm Guillemot Corporation. He worked largely behind the scenes as the operational backbone of the family's broader entertainment business, while his brother Yves became the public face of the gaming giant as its long-serving CEO.

Ubisoft has produced some of gaming's most popular titles, from Prince of Persia and Assassin's Creed to Far Cry, Watch Dogs and Rainbow Six Siege. REUTERS

Nasa's all-male crew for Artemis mission triggers major backlash

When Nasa unveiled the four-person crew of its Artemis III mission last week, it didn't take long for the general public to notice a common feature of the group: all four astronauts were men.

Nasa said the selection was not political. But it triggered a wave of disappointment from former Nasa officials, space industry insiders and enthusiasts invested in the agency's effort to put US astronauts back on the moon for the first time in more than half a century — and their hope that one of them will be a woman.

"Do I think this was chosen maliciously? Obviously no," Emily Calandrelli, a science author who flew to space with Blue Origin, wrote on Instagram. "Do I think those in the selection process had a bias and ultimately when there were four men selected no one in the room thought it was a 'big enough' issue to try to correct? Yes."

The Artemis programme got its name after the goddess of Greek mythology — the twin of Apollo whose name adorned the history-making US initiative that put the first men on the moon.

Nasa administrator Jared Isaacman defended the decision last week in a series of posts. He said he'd personally been to space twice "with 50 percent female crews" and that his closest advisers "and some of the smartest engineers I know are women." BLOOMBERG

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STILL RAISING HELL: British guitarist Janick Gers from Iron Maiden performs during the 19th edition of Hellfest rock and heavy metal festival, in Clisson, western France, on Friday

A hacker may've sent unauthorised alert across Brazil

Brazil's govt suspects a hacking attack triggered an unauthorised alert sent to cell phones across parts of the country early on Saturday. In a statement, the National Protection and Civil Defense Secretariat said the country's citizens' notification system was taken offline at around 1.30am local time after a message containing the word "misanthropy" — meaning hatred of humanity — was sent to users in several states. The unauthorised alert, which was ordered remotely, will be handed to the Federal Police for investigation, and the notification system will be restored as soon as possible, according to the statement.

6+ tonnes of cocaine seized in Pacific Ocean

Authorities in El Salvador seized over six tonnes of cocaine being transported in the Pacific Ocean, Salvadoran President Nayib Bukele said Friday. The drugs were found Thursday by the navy aboard two separate vessels, each carrying a similar quantity of cocaine and three crew members on board.

With Aus outbreak, bird flu spreads worldwide

Australia reported its first mainland case of H5 bird flu, marking the spread of the deadly virus to every continent on the planet. The strain was found in a dead migratory seabird in remote Western Australia, Julie Collins, the country's agriculture minister, said in Canberra on Saturday. There's currently no evidence of any poultry infection.

Auto parts magnate guilty of sexual assault

Austrian-Canadian billionaire and automotive business founder Frank Stronach was found guilty on Friday of sexual assault and indecent assault of two women decades ago. Stronach, who is 93, had been accused of alleged incidents involving seven complainants and pleaded not guilty to 12 charges.

Portugal's unofficial exorcism fever worries church

A woman closes her eyes as a young man dressed as a priest places both hands on her forehead. Moments later, she falls to the floor in front of dozens of worshippers. The scene unfolds not in a church but in the basement of a small shopping centre a short walk from the vast esplanade of Portugal's Fatima shrine, one of the Catholic Church's most visited pilgrimage sites.

The gathering was part of a series of monthly so-called "exorcism retreats" held in Fatima that have raised concerns among Catholic authorities, who say they operate outside official Church oversight by self-styled religious figures and risk exploiting vulnerable believers.

On a recent Saturday, more than 100 people waited for the moment when Francisco Marques, 27, would start laying his hands on participants one by one. Wearing a black cassock and a Roman collar, Marques cuts the figure of a traditional Catholic cleric.

AFP

Self-proclaimed 27-year-old priest Francisco Marques at an "exorcist retreat" where he claims to cast out demons afflicting his followers, in Fatima on May 30

But neither the Vatican nor local Church authorities recognise his ministry, which was founded in 2006. Marques placed both hands on their foreheads, concentrating silently. Some participants — mostly women — immediately fall backwards into the arms of attendants standing ready behind them. "You get a great feeling of peace. It's a liberation. I leave here cleansed, with a lighter soul," said Lurdes Ramisio, a 56-year-old nurse, at the retreat.

The sessions are organised by Marques and members of his family with the support of Salvatore Micalef, an Italian who presents himself as his bishop. "When I met Francisco, I saw above all that he had the gift of driving out demons," Micalef told AFP. "I therefore issued a decree authorising him to be an exorcist."

Exorcism is the ancient practice of driving out demons or evil spirits from a person or place they are thought to possess. It is practised by some Roman Catholics but treated with deep scepticism by others. While exorcism is an officially recognised practice within Catholicism, it is governed by strict rules and reserved for specially authorised priests.

Bishop Jose Ornelas of Leiria-Fatima told AFP the Church treats the subject "with great prudence" to avoid creating the impression that priests are "gurus" with special powers over demons. In 2023, his diocese warned against what it called "suspicious retreats" organised by "a supposed seminarian friend of the pope".

Marques also celebrates services every Sunday in a private chapel at his residence in a village 100km north of the shrine town. Visitors are also encouraged to purchase items including "exorcised" salt, holy water and anointing oils prepared by Marques. AFP

SNAP SHOTS

INDIA THRASH CHILE

India produced another dominant performance to outclass Chile 6-0 and storm into the final of the FIH Hockey Women's Nations Cup in Auckland on Saturday. Navneet Kaur (6th, 13th) and Deepika (14, 18) struck two goals apiece, while Neha (32) and Rutuja Dadaso Pisal (39) also found the target as India notched their fourth successive win in the tournament.

Avani, Diksha off to flying start: Avani Prashanth and Diksha Dagar produced impressive opening rounds to share fifth place on the opening day at the Dutch Ladies Open. The duo carded three-under-par 69s, just one stroke behind the quartet of leaders. Pranavi Urs carded a one-over 73 to be tied for 58th.

Ashmita's run ends in semis: India's campaign at the Macau Open Super 300 badminton tournament came to an end after Ashmita Chaliha suffered a 17-21, 9-21 defeat to South Korea's Park Ga Eun in the women's singles semifinals in Macau on Saturday.

Abhay-Velavan in final: India's Abhay Singh and Velavan Senthilkumar stormed into the final of the third Asian Doubles Squash Championships in Sarawak, Malaysia on Saturday. Abhay and Velavan defeated scored a 11-7 11-9 win over Malaysian third seeds Sanjay Jeeva and Duncan Lee in the semifinals. Women's second seed Joshna Chinappa and Rathika Seelan lost to Malaysian top seeded pair of Ainaa Amani and Yee Xin Ying 9-11 7-11 in the semifinals.

Kaashvi clinches title: Karnataka's Kaashvi Venkat won the singles title in the AITA National Series U-12 Tennis Tournament in Belagavi on Saturday. In the girls singles final, 10-year-old Kaashvi beat Adira Bhagat of Maharashtra 6-2, 6-0 to win her maiden National Series title. In the semifinals, Kaashvi eased past Dhanishka Mahanta of Assam 6-4, 6-3.
Results (final): Kaashvi (Kar) bt Adira (Mah) 6-2, 6-0; **Doubles:** Dhanishka Mahanta (Asm)/Adira Bhagat (Mah) bt Kaashvi Venkat (Kar)/Vidula Reddy (Tel) 6-2, 6-2.

Aarnav crowned champion: Aarnav Naveen clinched the U-17 boys title at the state ranking table tennis tournament in Mysuru on Saturday. In the final, Aarnav claimed an 11-7, 12-14, 11-9, 11-8 victory against Atharva Nawarange. Earlier, Aarnav defeated Gaurav Gowda in the semifinals while Atharva got past Shubham Trivedi. **Results: U-17 Boys: Final:** Aarnav Naveen bt Atharva Nawarange 11-7, 12-14, 11-9, 11-8; **Semis:** Atharva bt Shubham Trivedi 11-9, 11-4, 11-6; Aarnav bt Gaurav Gowda 11-9, 11-7, 11-9.

Goutham FC in quarters: Goutham FC defeated Jai Bharath FC 5-4 via tie-breaker to advance to the quarterfinals of the BDFA 'C' Division League football championship in Bengaluru on Saturday. The two teams were level at 1-1 at full time.
Result: Pre-quarters: Goutham FC 1 (5) bt Jai Bharath Nagar FC 1 (4) via tie-breaker.

Big test awaits India Women

After Comfortable Wins, Harmanpreet's Side Face South Africa

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After convincing wins over Pakistan and the Netherlands, India face their first major test of the ICC Women's T20 World Cup when they take on recent nemesis South Africa in a Group 1 clash in Manchester on Sunday. South Africa have endured a shaky start to their campaign. The 2024 finalists opened with a 65-run defeat to Australia before scraping past Pakistan by two wickets in a low-scoring encounter. In both matches, their batters struggled for consistency.

However, on a surface expected to assist spin, South Africa will draw confidence from their recent success against India. In April, Laura Wolvaardt's side secured a dominant 4-1 series victory at home over the reigning ODI world champions. Apart from India's lone 14-run win in the fourth match, the hosts controlled the series from start to finish. The fact that a win will take them a significant step closer to a semifinal berth will not be lost on India. To get there, they will need a collective effort against a South African side packed with allrounders.

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DYNAMIC DUO: Harmanpreet Kaur (left) with Smriti Mandhana

Harmanpreet Kaur's team will once again bank on the form of Smriti Mandhana at the top of the order, while hoping for substantial contributions from the rest of the batting unit, including fellow opener Shafali Verma, Jemimah Rodrigues and the skipper herself.

The bowling attack will be spearheaded by in-form spinner Deepti Sharma, who has claimed six wickets in two matches. However, the injury-enforced absence of off-spinner Shreyanka Patil, ruled out of the tournament with an ankle injury, leaves a gap India will need to address quickly.

India will also be wary of South Africa captain Laura Wolvaardt. Although she has made a quiet start to this World Cup, she was prolific during the home series against India, amassing 330 runs in five matches, including a century and three half-centuries.

South Africa's bowling attack will be led by the experienced Shabnim Ismail, with Marizanne Kapp and Annerie Dercksen providing balance with both ball and bat. Spinners Nonkululeko Mlaba and Chloe Tryon could also prove crucial in conditions expected to assist slow bowling.

AUSTRALIA WIN BIG

Australia earned a third convincing win at the tournament when it beat the Netherlands by 98 runs Saturday.
Brief scores: Australia: 219/6 in 20 overs (Beth Mooney 74, Ashleigh Gardner 58, Georgia Wareham 41; Iris Zwilling 3-52, Calorine de Lange 2-39) bt **Netherlands: 121/3 in 20 overs** (Babette de Leede 56, Sterre Kallis 44; Kim Garth 2-20).
New Zealand 140/6 in 20 overs (Melie Kerr 30, Brooke Halliday 34, Izzy Sharp 36* Orla Prendergast 2-26, Cara Murray 2-26) bt **Ireland 136/4 in 20 overs** (Gaby Lewis 58, Prendergast 59; Kerr 2-23).
Bangladesh 123/6 in 20 overs (Nigar Sultana 36, Shorna Akter 39n.o; Fatima Sana 2-18) bt **Pakistan 100/8 20 overs** (Muneeba Ali 25; Sanjida Akter Meghla 3-21)

India finish whitewash

Prasidh, Jaiswal Blow Away Afghanistan

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FIVE STAR: Prasidh Krishna

Chennai: Pacer Prasidh Krishna's fire and opener Yashasvi Jaiswal's flair turned up the heat on Afghanistan here on Saturday and ensured a 3-0 whitewash for the hosts in the ODI series. It was also a timely reminder for selectors who will choose the ODI team for England series on Sunday. Prasidh's maiden five-wicket haul (5-23), followed by a dominant opening stand from Yashasvi (110, 86b; 14x4, 3x6) and Rohit Sharma (79, 69b; 9x4, 3x6), powered India to the comfortable win in 28.4 overs.

While Prasidh was unplayable in his first spell taking 4-6, Afghanistan

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skipper Hashmatullah Shahidi (102, 131b; 13x4, 1x6) stood tall amid the ruins. Battling cramps and the shock of a top-order collapse, he dragged his side from 36-4 to 218 with a gritty century. Yet the total was always going to fall short, as India's openers, predictably ruthless, made light work of the chase.

While Rohit answered questions after modest returns in the first two matches, Yashasvi — still on the fringes of India's ODI set-up — strengthened his case with a commanding second ODI century in just his sixth appearance.

Earlier in the day, with pace and bounce on offer, Prasidh, the 'Player of the Match', made full use of the conditions. His first delivery removed the in-form Rahmanullah Gurbaz, who edged to first slip Rohit Sharma. Rahmat Shah followed in similar fashion before Ibrahim Zadran also nicked off, undone by the extra bounce. The three wickets came from near-identical deliveries and left Afghanistan reeling.

Prasidh struck again to dismiss Darwish Rasooli as Afghanistan had no answer for the tall paceman. Shahidi and Azmatullah Omarzai mounted a rescue act through a 105-run fifth-wicket partnership.

The pair rebuilt steadily as India persisted with the short-ball tactic. Shahidi became only the second Afghanistan captain to score an ODI century, bringing it up with a boundary to earn a standing ovation from teammates.
Brief scores: Afghanistan 218 all out in 44.2 overs (Hashmatullah Shahidi 102, Azmatullah Omarzai 50; Prasidh Krishna 5-23) lost to **India 224/1 in 28.4 overs** (Yashasvi Jaiswal 110 n.o, Rohit Sharma 79).

D'Artagnan best

Bengaluru: Pesi Shroff-trained D'Artagnan and local challenger Stud Poker look best for the Colts Championship Trial Stakes at the races here on Sunday.
1. The Guindy Plate (Div II) 1200M: Meghann 1, Mega Success 2. **2. The Bergamo Plate (Div II) 1100M:** Aphelion 1, Magestic Persona 2. **3. The International Day of Yoga Plate 1200M:** Osaka 1, Monstera 2. **4. The Noble Prince Plate 1800M:** Bartolino 1, Dardanus 2. **5. The Civil Service Cup 2000M:** Caccini 1, Prokofiev 2. **6. The Zavaray S Poonawalla Colts Championship Stakes 1600M:** D'Artagnan 1, Stud Poker 2. **7. The Bergamo Plate (Div I) 1100M:** Hushed 1, Royal Jewel 2. **8. The Guindy Plate (Div I) 1200M:** Star Symphony1, Mystical Queen 2.

HORSE RACING

Day's best: Aphelion. **Jackpot:** 4, 5, 6, 7 & 8. **Mini Jackpot:** 5, 6, 7 & 8. **First Treble**: 3, 4 & 5. **Second Treble**: 6, 7 & 8.

Alfonsine wins: Alfonsine, from the yard of new trainer John, ridden superbly by Ashhad Asbar won the Chief Justice's Cup, the feature event of the races here on Saturday. TNN

Shlok emerge champions

Bengaluru: Shlok Hockey Club defeated Raichur District Hockey Association via shootout to emerge champions of the KSHA Super Division Hockey League Championship here on Saturday. Shlok and Raichur were locked at 2-2 at the end of full time forcing the shootout. **Results: Final:** Shlok 2 (Sandeep 14, Stephen Swami 59) bt Raichur DHA 2 (Manasrij Boro 43, Karan Thosre 54) 5-4 via shootout; **3-4th place:** KDF 2 (Basavaraj 2, Dharsan 55) bt Falcon 2 (Gautham Ganapathy 16, Vivek 26) 6-5 via shootout. **Special prizes: Best Goalkeeper:** Sujin Jarkula (Shlok), **Defender:** Ajay Naidu (Shlok), **Midfielder:** Manish Choudhary (Raichur); **Forward**: Goutham Ganapathy (Falcon); **Player of the Competition:** Stephen Swamy (Shlok).

LOCAL ROUND-UP

HARSHAD, SAMEEKSHA TRIUMPH

Harshad Shadish showed strong character to bag a double in singles at the state U-19 and senior ranking badminton tournament in Mandya on Saturday. Sameeksha HN bagged the women's crown, while Disha Santosh wore the U-19 girls crown.

Harshad bounced back to win the men's title after going down to Laksh Chengappa Ma in the first game of the final. He pulled things back to win the next two to register a 20-22, 21-17, 21-16

Syed Asif

HARD-FOUGHT: Slice of action from the Shlok HC vs Raichur District HA game

victory. The U-19 final followed a similar pattern against Hardik Divyansh. Harshad won 18-21, 21-13, 21-8.
Results (finals): Men: Harshad Shadish bt Laksh Chengappa Ma 20-22, 21-17, 21-16; **Women:** Sameeksha HN bt Muskaan Khan 21-18, 10-21 21-13. **Doubles: Men:** Ashith Surya/Vaibhav Vaibhav bt Kishal Ganapathy/Prakash Raj S 21-13, 22-20; **Women:** Amrutha P/Rashmi Ganesh bt Gloria Athavale/Prerana Neeluri 21-15, 21-18; **Mixed:** Ashith/Amrutha bt Vaibhav BS/Karnika Sree 21-14 21-14. **U-19: Boys:** Harshad bt Hardik Divyansh 18-21, 21-13, 21-8; **Girls:** Disha Santosh bt Aashi Das 21-18, 21-16. **Doubles: Boys:** Mayukh DB/Shreyas Shekar bt Amith Nataraj/K Yadunanda 13-21, 21-19, 23-21; **Girls:** Nidhi Atmaram/Selvasamruddhi S bt Raksha N/Sai Sista 18-21, 21-15, 21-12; **Mixed**: K Yadunandan/Sai Sista bt Amith Nataraj/Suhina Roy 24-22, 14-21, 21-17. TNN

Blasters down Mystics in opener

Mysuru: Bengaluru Blasters began their Maharaja Trophy campaign on a winning note here on Saturday. They scored a six-wicket win over Gulbarga Mystics with Bhuvan Raju (56) and skipper Shubhang Hegde (36 n.o, 2/44) shining in the opener.

Asked to bat at the SDNRW Ground here, Mystics opener Prakhar Chaturvedi led from the front with a 38-ball 64. It was his second wicket association of 110

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runs from 56 balls with Aarav Mahesh (63, 41b), which propelled them to 201/5 in 20 overs.
Brief scores: Gulbarga Mystics 201/5 in 20 overs (Prakhar 64, Aarav 63; Shubhang 2-44, Shreevathsa 2-36) lost to **Bengaluru Blasters 202/4 in 20 overs** (Bhuvan Raju 56, Rohan 31, Shubhang 36 n.o., Praveen 32 n.o.; Paras 2-34).
Shivamogga Yodhas: 190/8 in 20 overs (Luvnith Sisodia 58, Tushar Singh 33, Smaran R 36, Harshil 36; Vyshak Vijaykumar 2-38, Manoj Bhandage 2-16) bt **Mysore Warriors : 100 all out in 14.5 overs** (Abhilash 2-10, Shreesha Achar 2-9, Yash Punja 4-30). TNN

Rujula claims gold

Rujula S led Karnataka's medal haul at the Senior National Aquatics Championship in Ahmedabad on Friday. On Day 4 of the competition, Rujula set a new meet record of 26.23s en route to her gold medal in the women's 50m freestyle event.

Rujula bettered her own timing of 26.36 from the Bhubaneswar edition in 2025. Karnataka registered

SWIMMING

a one-two finish in the event as Charitha Phanindranath took silver with a timing of 26.53s.

Meanwhile, both the men's 4x100m freestyle relay team and the women's 4x200m freestyle relay team set new meet records as they finished on top of the podium. The men's quartet of Monish PV, Chintan Shetty, Aneesh S Gowda and Akash Mani touched the pad in 3:24.15s to take gold. The previous record

of 3:26.26 was held by Tamil Nadu.

Meanwhile, the women's quartet of Dhinidhi Desinghu, Suhasini Ghosh, Shirin and Sri Charani Tumu clinched gold with a timing of 8:42.48s. Karnataka clinched eight medals on Saturday, including four gold, three silver and one bronze medal.
Results: Women: 50m freestyle: 1. Rujula S (26.23s, NMR), 2. Charitha Phanindranath (26.53); **200m breaststroke:** 2. Thanya Shadakshari (2:38.97); **4x200m fs relay:** 1. Karnataka (Dhinidhi Desinghu, Suhasini Ghosh, Shirin, Sri Charani Tumu, 8:42.48, NMR) **Men: 200m breaststroke:** 1. Manikanta L (2:19.45); **800m freestyle:** 2. Dharshan S (8:09.79); **200m breaststroke**: 3. Surya Jhoyappa OR (2:22.31); **4x100m fs relay**: 1. Karnataka (Monish PV, Chintan Shetty, Aneesh S Gowda, Akash Mani, 3:24.15 NMR). TNN

Modi announces ₹1,492cr devpt projects for Bengal

Says 'One Election Has Changed So Many Things'

Rohit Khanna, Kaushik Pradhan & Falguni Banerjee | TNN

YOUNG ADMIRER: A girl holds a drawing of PM Modi on Paschimbanga Divas celebrations in Hooghly on Saturday

Kolkata/Tarakeswar: PM Narendra Modi presented to Bengal projects worth over Rs 1,492 crore spanning agriculture, railways, connectivity and healthcare at an event to mark Paschimbanga Divas in Tarakeswar on Saturday. Addressing his first public rally since the new CM's swearing-in, Modi said winds of change have brought "a new freshness and fragrance" to Bengal.

"Paribartan bhalo lagchhe to? (Are you enjoying the change)," Modi began his address, and added, "There is a new freshness in Bengal's air and a new fragrance. It seems Bengal has been freed from a shackle. Bengal's glory has started coming back. Your votes and one election have changed so many things."

Over the next 35 minutes, the PM unveiled several initiatives in agriculture, social welfare and infrastructure. He announced the release of over Rs 900 crore to nearly 45 lakh farmers in Bengal under the 23rd installment of PM-KISAN scheme and extension of crop insurance to about 50 lakh farmers cultivating 14 lakh hectares in the state.

He also announced railway infrastructure projects worth over Rs 492 crore, a Rs 100-crore divisional railway hospital, a 315-km road construction project under PMGSY, modernisation of a fishing harbour in South 24 Parganas and a fish market at Sainthia in Birbhum. The Centre will focus on raising agricultural productivity in backward districts like Purulia, Darjeeling, Alipurduar and Jhargram, he said, adding that these schemes will strengthen the state's rural economy.

Modi said the double-engine govt has begun "working superfast" to compensate the "shortcomings" of the previous Left Front and Trinamool govts. "Decisions are now being taken at lightning speed. Pending projects are being completed. The earlier govt had stalled projects due to political rivalry. Those projects have started now," he said, citing the completion of the stuck Metro Railway work at Chingrihata.

Investment and development, the PM said, depends on two key factors -- honest and capable governance and the rule of law. "There is no middleman now. Akhon cut money sesh; kaaj suru hoye gache (Cut money has ended, work has begun). Those who had looted people are returning money. Those who ran syndicates are apologising to people. No illegal money is being collected at toll gates," he said.

The PM also referred to pre-poll promises and the progress made on them, including the implementation of Ayushman Bharat, benefits under Annapurna Bhandar, Jal Jeevan Mission and free bus rides for women. "We are working on Mission Purvoday and Bengal has a big role to play here. The first condition for development is peace and social stability. That has to be strengthened in Bengal. We have to move ahead with everyone," he said.

CJP vows to continue protest till Pradhan quits

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New Delhi: Cockroach Janta Party (CJP) continued its protest at Jantar Mantar till late Saturday evening after announcing that the agitation would be on until Union education minister Dharmendra Pradhan resigned over the NEET-UG paper leak controversy, even as Delhi Police denied permission to extend the demonstration.

Police were seen taking some protesters away after the permitted protest period ended at 5pm. However, officers later said no one was detained.

The second protest of CJP in Delhi, after its June 6 demonstration, was called on the grounds that central govt had not acted on the group's demands.

Addressing supporters, CJP chief Abhijeet Dipke said the organisation had held protests in several cities, including Pune, Lucknow, Amritsar, Bengaluru, Jaipur and Nagpur, and would continue its agitation until its demands were met. Around 4.30pm, Dipke announced that the protest would continue and appealed to supporters not to leave the venue. He also called upon more people to join the agitation. He said his team had sought permission from Delhi Police to continue the protest but later informed supporters that the request had not been accepted.

Wider effort in Lahore to revisit pre-Partition past

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Founded in 1886 and known as Pakistan's 'Eton', Aitchison has educated generations of leaders, including former PMs Imran Khan, Zafarullah Khan Jamali and Feroz Khan Noon.

Brar joined Aitchison in 1937, excelling as a student, prefect and sportsman. During his last visit to Lahore in 1989, he inaugurated a library there and dedicated it to Ali. More than three decades later, Ali has returned the gesture.

The Brar plaque is part of a wider remembrance project through which Ali has funded classrooms and plaques honouring classmates and teachers from 1934-43, including Pandit Hetwa Nand Kashyap, Ram Rakha Mal, Sardar Harbaksh Singh, Sardar Harnam Singh Bal, Lala Dhani Ram, Lala Shanti Lal Sehgal and the sons of Patiala Maharaja Bhupinder Singh —recalling an undivided Punjab before history scattered its people.

Muhammad Mohsin Khan Leghari, a fourth-generation Aitchisonian, former senator and Punjab minister whose family includes former president Farooq Leghari, said the honour reflected the school's tradition of dedicating rooms and facilities to distinguished alumni. "Sons of rajas, maharajas, nawabs and tribal chiefs studied here. It was about grooming leadership," he said.

The commemorations coincide with a wider effort in Lahore to revisit aspects of its pre-Partition past. Historic names, such as Krishan Nagar for Islampura, Ram Gali for Rahman Gali, and Sant Nagar for Sunnat Nagar, have been restored, while discussions on memorialising Bhagat Singh continue. The trend gained momentum after the Lahore Heritage Area Revival project launched in 2025 under Pak Punjab CM Maryam Nawaz.

For descendants of former students, Aitchison's story remains inseparable from Partition. "Hindu, Muslim and Sikh boys studied together here. We have tried to preserve their stories," said Dr Tarunjit Singh Butalia, the college's honorary envoy. Of Aitchison's roughly 245 students in 1947, around 160 were Hindu and Sikh.

Butalia recalled one student who had just dropped off his bicycle for repairs when an army truck arrived at school. A soldier told him his father had sent for him and gave him minutes to gather his belongings. "He asked if he could meet his friends before leaving," Butalia said. "He was told no." Within hours, he was on his way to India.

32-yr-old beaten to death at Dehli rly stn

New Delhi: A 32-year-old Delhi Metro security guard travelling back home after a night's work died after he was assaulted by a group of passengers at Shahdara railway station on Saturday morning.

Eight people, who were seen in a viral video attacking him and later boarding a train, have been detained. The man, identified as Pankaj Dhama, was returning to his village in UP's Baghpat after his shift at the IP Extension Metro Station. Police and Pankaj's family have offered differing accounts of how the incident unfolded.

Police said the fight began as passengers tried to board the Yoga Express at Shahdara station. Pankaj was allegedly standing at the doorway. But his family said he was attacked while trying to get off the train at Shahdara to catch a connecting train to hometown. TNN

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Trump's adulation often signals 'ambush': Experts

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Calling both Xi and Modi "classics", the MAGA boss, ever in thrall of entertainment and ratings, mused that, "If you were going to make a movie about either one of them, you wouldn't be able to find the man in Hollywood," while raving about their looks and personality.

At the G7 meeting in France, Trump had described Modi as "the most beautiful-looking man" who looks "so nice, like an angel", but who in fact was a "killer" when it came to negotiations. "Modi's a great leader," the man who has suddenly embraced a series of foreign wars declared in the Axios interview. "He stays out of wars, which is smart."

Trump also said the US does a lot of business with India, adding, "...but now we do fair business. They used to really rip us off. I don't blame them for that. You know, we had stupid politicians that allowed that to happen. But now we do a lot of business. They're not that happy about it because they used to do a lot better. So Modi's great."

However, economic pundits and trade experts have pointed out that in Trump's diplomatic playbook, high-gloss adulation usually signals an immediate, transactional ambush.

While praising Xi and Modi, the MAGA supremo has simultaneously launched trade wars, imposed tariffs and restricted technology transfers. Since his return to office for a second term, New Delhi has faced punitive tariffs, pressure in trade negotiations, a downgrading of Quad and Indo-Pacific formulations, and explicit signals from Washington that India's economic rise may not necessarily align with American interests.

UK detains Indian captain of sanctioned ship, family in U'khand pleads for release

Naomi Canton & Kalyan Das

The vessel, MV Smyrtos, has been under EU & UK sanctions since Oct '25. UK described it as part of a shadow fleet of 700 ships that transports 75% of Russia's sanctioned oil exports and helps fund the war against Ukraine

London/Dehradun: The Indian captain of a sanctioned Russian shadow-fleet oil tanker intercepted by British armed forces while crossing the English Channel en route from Russia to India has been arrested in the UK and appeared in court charged with breaching sanctions, even as his family in Uttarakhand appealed to the Indian govt to secure his safe return.

Ajay Pant, 38, a resident of Nainital, appeared via video link at Southampton magistrates' court from Bournemouth PS on June 16, charged with "directly or indirectly supplying or delivering prohibited Russian oil from Russia to a third country by ship, in contravention of Regulation 46Z9B of Russia (Sanctions) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019."

His solicitor, James Diamond, told the court: "It was not his choice as to where this vessel was going or the cargo this vessel was carrying. He was simply following orders from those in the corporation."

Prosecutor Varun Chuni said Royal Marines and National Crime Agency boarded MV Smyrtos on June 14 after it entered UK territorial waters without a legitimate flag. Pant, identified as the vessel's master, was arrested and remanded in custody. District judge David Robinson sent the case to Bournemouth crown court for a plea and trial preparation hearing on July 16. The offence carries a maximum sentence of 10 years.

Uttarakhand home secretary Shailesh Bagauli told **TOI** that the state govt had written to Centre seeking assistance.

The Indian high commission in UK has been granted consular access to Pant. Twenty-four crew members from Georgia and India remain on board the vessel.

Pant's wife Ritu said she learnt of her husband's arrest through British media reports on social media.

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"PLAYERS, COACHES HAD TO PAY FOR THEIR FLIGHTS. EVERYBODY HAD TO LEARN THE ANTHEM BY HEART... SO MUCH HAS CHANGED FOR THE ISLAND'S BENEFIT, NOW EVERYONE KNOWS WHERE CURACAO IS."

—**DICK ADVOCAAT**
CURACAO COACH, ON THE DAY BEFORE HIS SIDE'S GROUP MATCH AGAINST ECUADOR

RHYTHM NATION? GETTING THERE

Selecao Settle Nerves Against Haiti But Bigger Tests Loom; Ancelotti May Have To Reshuffle After Raphinha Blow

Pix: Xinhua

LET'S DANCE: Matheus Cunha (centre) celebrates with Vinicius Junior (left) and Lucas Paqueta in Philadelphia

BRAZIL 3
Cunha 23, 36, Vinicius Jr 45+3
HAITI 0

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Bittersweet. That's how a Brazil fan might have felt in the early hours of Saturday.

It was still Friday night in Philadelphia when the Samba Boys eased some of the growing pressure on them with their first win of the World Cup — a reasonably comfortable 3-0 stroll against unfancied Haiti. They will still need to beat Scotland in midweek and hope Morocco do not build a better goal difference if they are to be sure of finishing top of Group C.

But this isn't the Brazil of yore — one spoilt for choice in almost every position, especially in the attacking half. A team working with relatively thin resources would have had reason to worry when Raphinha limped off midway through the first half with a hamstring problem.

Even if it is not a tear — the Barcelona star's condition is still being evaluated — it seems unlikely that the five-time champions will be able to avail of his services before the quarterfinals, provided they go that far.

Raphinha's partnership with Vinicius Junior, one of the chief protagonists of Saturday's victory, was slowly taking shape when the blow came. Raphinha's ability to spot space in tight corners and release Vini for his marauding runs would surely have been one of Carlo Ancelotti's major weapons going into the World Cup. With that plan stalled for now, the Italian may have to reshuffle his pieces.

WE HAVE FIVE: Brazil fans unveil a tifo before the match against Haiti

HEY, I'M NOT IN THE BANNER: Ronaldinho turns up in Philadelphia

Bournemouth's Rayan came on for Raphinha and did a decent job, but Ancelotti will hope that the recuperating Neymar is fit before Brazil face Scotland. According to the Italian, the 34-year-old will do some individual training over the weekend and rejoin the squad on Monday.

While that will bring some relief to Selecao supporters, the true bright spots were the form of Vini and striker Matheus Cunha. Real Madrid winger Vinicius, who scored against Morocco in Brazil's opener, found the net again against Haiti and had a hand in all three goals. The 25-year-old has kept a low profile and has so far avoided unnecessary controversy. Clearly, there is an Ancelotti hand — extending from their Real Madrid days — keeping him in check.

However, bigger tests await. Against more organised opposition, with stronger defenders prepared to test him physically and otherwise, it will be interesting to see how the temperamental Brazilian reacts.

Cunha, meanwhile, brought a sense of calm to the proceedings with an opportunistic strike in the 23rd minute. For a No. 9, it is vital to be in the right place at the right time and the Manchester United player showed he can be a good fit. His second goal, a thumping left-footer after being released by Vini inside the box, gave Brazil the insurance they badly needed. Vini added the third in first-half stoppage time to put the game completely beyond Haiti. Crucially, it also allowed Brazil to play in a lower gear thereafter, with the aim of keeping themselves fresh for the battles ahead.

Brazil's midfield of Bruno Guimaraes, Casemiro and Lucas Paqueta had a fairly comfortable night. The defence, too, was not tested much. Gabriel's goalline clearance with a bicycle kick in the second half suggested that the Arsenal man may have overcome the disappointment of missing the final penalty in the Champions League final against PSG.

After last week's opening draw against Morocco, Brazil's journey in this World Cup has begun somewhat like that of a title aspirant at a tennis Grand Slam. They have the burden of winning seven games in a row, and World No. 83 Haiti were just the kind of early-round opponent they would have hoped for.

Ancelotti expects Neymar back for Scotland game

Carlo Ancelotti said he expected Neymar to be available for their group stage finale against Scotland on Wednesday. Neymar has been recovering from a calf strain. "Neymar is going to train with the rest of the team Monday," Ancelotti said. "He will be available for the match against Scotland."

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SHOW OF STRENGTH: The Netherlands' Brian Brobbey scored a quickfire brace during the Group F match against Sweden at Houston Stadium

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Almiron sent off under new 'mouth covering' rule

Santa Clara: Paraguay midfielder Miguel Almiron became the first player issued with a red card at the World Cup for covering his mouth, getting sent off during a confrontation late in the first half against Turkiye.

The infraction came during first-half stoppage time in the Group D match on Friday night when Almiron and Mert Mulder exchanged words following a foul near midfield. Almiron covered his mouth while saying something to Mulder, who immediately appealed to referee Ivan Barton for punishment.

Barton went to video review and quickly ruled that Almiron would be given a red card and ejected under a new rule put in place for this year's World Cup. "According to the law, if you cover your mouth you're sent off. Red card," coach Gustavo Alfaro said. "Nothing I can do."

Paraguay led 1-0 at the time and held on for the win despite playing a man down for the entire second half. Matias Galarza **scored the fastest goal of the World Cup so far** in 64 secs. AP

TURKIYE 0
PARAGUAY 1
Galarza 2
Red card: Almiron 48

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THE RULE

- **"At the discretion of the competition organizer, any player covering their mouth in a confrontational situation with an opponent may be sanctioned with a red card."** - FIFA
- The rule was put in place in an attempt to stem racist comments.
- This is the **second time in two games that Almiron was carded under a new rule.** He got a yellow in the opener against the US after video review overturned a yellow issued to Tim Ream and gave it to Almiron instead for diving.

'Everybody's crying': Tearful Turkiye crash out without a goal

Arda Guler, the 21-year-old pinup boy of Turkish football, apologised to the nation. **"We tried very hard but it didn't work. But we should have scored some goals. We should have won these games... everybody's sad, everybody's crying."** REUTERS

62 Turkiye racked up 32 goal attempts against Paraguay. It came after they amassed 30 fruitless attempts in a 2-0 opening defeat by Australia. The **62 shots combined** were the most without a goal in any two-match span in the World Cup on record in data collected since 1966.

THE POCHETTINO PROCESS PAYS OFF

US Silence Doubters To Storm Into KOs

After the match in Seattle, the fans joined in singing John Denver's '*Take Me Home, Country Roads*'. If USA continue their march, could Journey's '*Don't Stop Believin'* be next on the playlist?

USA's workmanlike 2-0 victory over a physical but overmatched Australia before another raucous and adoring crowd, and millions more on TV, silenced the many doubters of Mauricio Pochettino and the US men's team. Now, everyone's lining up to hop onto the bandwagon.

Score one for Pochettino, but it was more than his lineup choices—starting Ricardo Pepi for the injured star Christian Pulisic—that has America getting behind this team, which clinched first place in Group D and an easier path to the quarterfinals when Paraguay beat Turkey 1-0 later on Friday.

The US players have been selfless in doing whatever it takes to win and, in the process, handling the pressure of being billed as the 'Golden Generation' that will elevate the sport in this country.

Earlier, the Australians were miffed that some pundits, including a few former US players, mockingly gave them zero chance to stay on the field in the second Group D match in Seattle on Friday.

Disregard the Aussies' 2-0 win over Turkey in their first match. How could they match up against a superior US squad, which opened with a 4-1 thrashing of Paraguay?

Oh, the Aussies talked about being fired up.

They shouldn't have taken it personally because not too many months ago, several ex-US team players questioned if Pochettino was the right choice to lead their team and questioned the heart and desire of a group that would eventually wear the red, white and blue into the World Cup.

Well, look at Pochettino and his Band of Brothers now.

Pochettino gambled and won when he started Pepi for Pulisic. Pepi plays further up the field than Pulisic and provided a two-striker look with Folarin Balogun. Working with their teammates, especially Weston McKennie, the lumberjack Aussie backline couldn't handle the early attacking prowess of the US.

The first US goal came via an own goal when Cameron Burgess knocked in a cross from Balogun intended for Pepi in the 11th minute.

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BELIEVE: Alex Freeman powers his header past Aussie goalkeeper Beach

USA 2 (Burgess 11 (og), Freeman 43)
AUSTRALIA 0

McKennie was sensational in linking the backs to the midfield and defender Chris Richards provided calmness when the Aussies mounted a push.

And let's not forget the resilience of Alex Freeman, who moments before challenging goalkeeper Patrick Beach to nod the ball across the line in the 43rd minute for the all-important insurance goal, was involved in a nasty head-on-head collision with Australia's Paul Okon-Engstler.

His goal was crucial because it became a tense second half as they protected the lead. If there's anything to criticize about a shutout, especially in the World Cup, it's that the US had too many defensive lapses and there was a sense of unease from the hour mark onwards, when many had to be thinking, "If Australia had any quality in their attack, we'd be in trouble."

They didn't and the US finished out the match. AP

'PLAY WITH YOUR HEART'

Saibari's Rise Fuels Morocco Dream

Foxborough (Massachusetts): Ismael Saibari had never played as Morocco's lead striker before the World Cup, but he has seized his chance in style, scoring twice at the tournament, including the winner against Scotland on Friday.

The PSV Eindhoven talisman, who also scored against Brazil in their Group C opener, was named man-of-the-match in their 1-0 win over the Scots as the North African side moved closer to the Round of 32. Saibari's winner against Scotland, scored after 71 seconds, made him only the second African player after Egypt's Mohamed Salah to score in each of his first two World Cup appearances.

Much of Saibari's recent scoring surge has been driven by coach Mohamed Ouahbi, who moved him from the playmaker and winger roles he filled under former Morocco boss Walid Regragui into a central striking position.

The 25-year-old, who was named Eredivisie Player of the Year last season, scored just seven goals in his first 28 international appearances, but has netted four times in his last four matches.

Ouahbi has exploited Saibari's pace and ability to run in behind defences, as seen in his goal against Brazil when he raced into the box and delicately chipped goalkeeper Alisson. Saibari failed to score in his debut Eredivisie season with PSV, making 17 appearances in an injury-hit 2022-2023 campaign. However, the experience helped him develop greater composure in front of goal.

"At first, I was thinking, 'I must not miss.' Now I think, 'I'm going to score'," Saibari said in a 2023 interview on PSV's YouTube channel.

That progress was reflected in his numbers, as he scored 15 goals in 27 Eredivisie appearances last season to help PSV secure a third straight Dutch league title.

Reuters

MOROCCO 1 (Saibari 2)
SCOTLAND 0

LIFT-OFF: Morocco's Ismael Saibari celebrates with Bilal El Khannouss after scoring in the 2nd min

Saibari has spent much of his career adapting to new surroundings. Born in Terrassa, Spain, he moved to Belgium with his family at the age of six and progressed through local clubs before joining Anderlecht's academy in 2013. Although his spell at Anderlecht lasted only two years, as he was released after a dip in form days before the start of a new season, it proved formative. "It motivated me to work much harder," he later said.

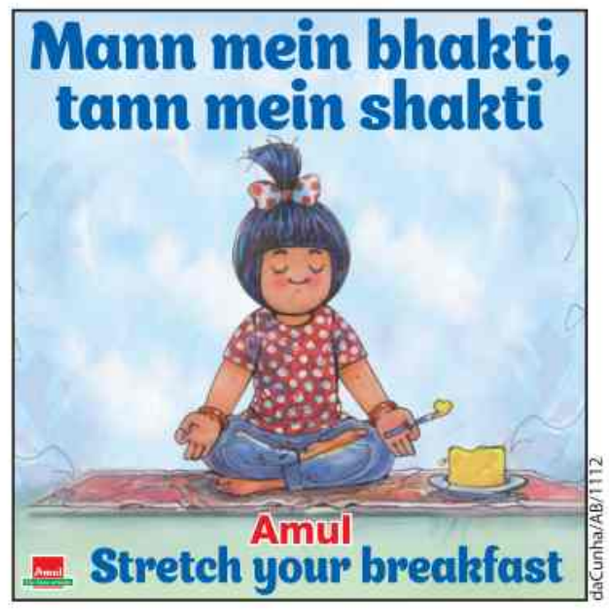
Saibari was eligible to represent Spain, his country of birth, Belgium, where he holds citizenship, and Morocco through his family. Yet he never seriously considered playing for anyone other than the Atlas Lions. "When you choose a national team, it has to come from the heart. It shouldn't be a strategic decision about where you'll have more chances," said Saibari. "You represent an entire country, so you must play with your heart."

Former Belgium coach Roberto Martinez tried to convince him to represent them, but he never reconsidered his commitment to Morocco. REUTERS

It's the 1000th World Cup game!

Monterrey: Tunisia's new coach Herve Renard said their performance must be perfect to have any hope against Japan on Saturday in Monterrey in what will be the landmark 1,000th World Cup finals match.

"I would like to insist that playing as a team is our only hope for tomorrow," Renard said on Friday, "Maybe I am insisting too much... (but) our collective spirit must be perfect to face this team." After Tunisia's crushing 5-1 defeat in their opener against Sweden, the team fired former coach Sabri Lamouchi and fellow Frenchman Renard.



As Spain regroup, it's all Yamal

Despite Being Unbeaten In 32 Games Over 3 Years, La Roja Seek Turnaround

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LINE UP: Lamine Yamal waits for the bus to Atlanta

Lamine Yamal is hard to avoid on the approach to Atlanta's futuristic stadium where adverts featuring the 18-year-old adorn the sides of giant skyscrapers, but it is on the pitch that Spain desperately need the Barcelona superstar.

The European champions flunked their opening test of the World Cup, drawing 0-0 against debutants Cabo Verde, sparking doubts over their status as one of the pre-tournament favourites.

Yamal was kept in reserve until the final quarter as he is nursed back to full fitness from a hamstring injury that had kept him sidelined for nearly two months.

Group H
SPAIN VS SAUDI ARABIA
9:30 pm (Sun) Live on Zee5 and Unite8 Sports

Even if it did not ultimately break the deadlock, his sheer presence immediately changed the game.

The majority of the 68,000 crowd in Atlanta that had come to see one of the game's biggest stars finally had something to get excited about. Spain's pedestrian passing game also at last had an outlet to stretch the Cabo Verde defence.

"Lamine is undoubtedly a special player. He has great ability to beat his man and disrupt the opposition's defensive shape," said Arsenal midfielder Mikel Merino. "Given Lamine's quality, he can influence any game at any moment."

Yamal became a household name with his starring role as a 16-year-old when Spain swept all before them to win Euro 2024. His blend of speed, skill and goal threat on the right was complimented by Nico Williams on the left wing. Williams' own injury-disrupted season meant he only came off the bench against Cabo Verde for the final few minutes plus stoppage time.

Without the direct ability of both to beat a man one against one, Spain regressed to the impotent side that has struggled on the World Cup stage since they lifted the trophy for the first time in 2010.

In the 16 years since, La Roja have won three of 12 World Cup games.

Moreover, they have completed 2,500 passes since they even scored a goal as their dominance of the ball counted for little against Japan and Morocco four years ago, and rarely troubled a Cape Verde side ranked 67 in the world.

"Lamine showed exactly what he's capable of the moment he stepped onto the pitch," said Spain boss Luis de la Fuente.

"He forced the opposition to change their approach, but that was the amount of playing time we felt was right for him." De la Fuente has stressed the need not to panic.

Spain are unbeaten in 32 competitive games stretching back over three years.

"Don't have any doubt," Yamal wrote on social media despite the disappointment on his World Cup debut. "This is a long competition and the objective is still far off."

The longer format of the first ever 48-team World Cup does allow for the contenders to build into the competition slowly. One win in their next two games against Saudi Arabia or Uruguay should see them into the knockout stages. But any doubt over the importance of Yamal to his nation's chance of fulfilling their ambition of a second World Cup victory has been resoundingly answered. The pressure is now on De la Fuente to start Yamal. AFP

POINTS TO PROGRESS

3 POINTS FOR WIN

Not only do the top two teams advance from each of the 12 first-round groups, but also the best third-placed finishers. This is the first WC since Mexico '86 that the best third-placed sides (8 in this case) will be able to qualify for the knockouts. In 1986, a win earned a team two points. Since USA '94 it's three, making this time's qualification structure different. **TOI** takes a look at the probable points needed for qualification...

FORM TEAM: Mexico have won both their matches to qualify

HOW THE POINTS TALLY UP

> Five points and above | Never has a team collecting five points or more from their three group games finished out of the first two places in the group stage. No wonder, with six points in their kitty, **USA and Mexico have already qualified**

> Four points | Only **twice has a team with four points in third place in the group not advanced**, and both instances were at the U-20 World Cup. **But bizarrely, Norway finished bottom of their World Cup group in 1994 with four points, and Ukraine did too at the last Euros** in Germany two years ago. **Brazil, Morocco** should feel comfortable while it's not over for **Edin Dzeko's** Bosnia Herzegovina (1 point from 2 games)

> Three points | Slightly less than 50% success rate for teams finishing on 3 points, but those sides almost all have a positive goal difference. **Paraguay, with a loss in 3rd game, may still qualify while Turkiye can go to 3 points but will be ousted on head-to-head**

> Two points | In only two of the tournaments surveyed (with three points for a win) did a side finish among the best four third-placed teams with two points, most recently **Tanzania at the Africa Cup of Nations**

CABO VERDE READY TO DELIVER AGAINST URUGUAY

Tampa: Young gun Sidny Lopes Cabral is happy for Cabo Verde to be cast as underdogs again in their second World Cup match against Uruguay but thinks many have underestimated the quality in the team. Cabral started at left back as the Blue Sharks stunned the footballing world by holding former world champions Spain goalless on their World Cup debut. "Before we came here, we had the goal to go through the group phase."

Group H
URUGUAY VS CABO VERDE
3:30 am (Mon) Live on Zee5 and Unite8 Sports

NEW ZEALAND, EGYPT SEARCH FOR ELUSIVE WIN

Vancouver: New Zealand and Egypt came close to securing their first World Cup wins when they drew their opening games at the 2026, and the two sides meet on Sunday knowing victory would leave them with one foot in the knockout stage. Mohamed Salah netted nine goals in their qualifying campaign and is again expected to play a key role for Egypt, but coach Hossam Hassan is keen to ease his side's dependence on the winger.

Group G
NEW ZEALAND VS EGYPT
6:30 am (Mon) Live on Zee5 and Unite8 Sports

Inside the top 10, ready for the weekend!

Sahith Theegala

What a difference 24 hours can make out here at the US Open. If someone had told me after the first afternoon, when I walked off with a 2-over 72, that I would be inside the top-10 at tied seventh going into the weekend, I would have grabbed it with both hands. Now I have it.

Shinnecock Hills is absolutely brutal if you're even a fraction off as it can spell disaster. Happily, today we finally got some momentum on our side. The birdies were spread out nicely and Friday was one of those rounds where everything seemed to come together. After a 72 on Day One, I bounced back with 67 on Day 2 to get into red numbers and that feels good as I swung with a lot more freedom and putted nicely.

It was the kind of round that rewards patience as much as good ball-striking. Making six birdies in a US Open round isn't something that happens very often, especially at a place like Shinnecock. Every one of them felt earned. Getting off to a positive start made a huge difference. Starting on the tenth, I picked up two birdies early and that immediately settled me into the round. Instead of feeling like I was chasing, I could stick to the game plan and be patient.

The middle part of the round was all about staying disciplined. There are holes where par is a terrific score. I didn't feel the need to attack every pin but I did birdie the 16th and the 4th. I also dropped shots, as is expected at Shinnecock, but the best part of the day was the finish — birdie-birdie on 8-9, my closing holes. Making two more birdies over the closing stretch gave me real momentum heading into the weekend. Those late birdies not only improve your score but also give you confidence while walking off the golf course. They remind you that your game is in a good place.

Happy to see Akshay (Bhatia), who is just outside the top-10 at tied-11 with Scottie Scheffler and Rory McIlroy. Aaron Rai produced a great turnaround in the second round as he added 67 to 74 to be 1-over and was T-22.

I am still some way behind but there are 36 holes left. Sitting at 1-under par total I am six behind Wyndham Clark (133), who put on a putting clinic. But I feel I am in the thick of it. The next pack behind Clark is some distance behind at 3-under and that's just two shots away from me. Hopefully I can give my fans in India and my biggest supporter, Dr Pawan Munjal, something to cheer about. The Shinnecock Test is always a tough one. The golf course is completely exhausting. You look at the leader board and see guys like Bryson, Jon Rahm, and Brooks missing the cut — it just shows how quickly things can unravel. *(Sahith Theegala is a brand ambassador of Hero MotoCorp and is playing at the US Open)*

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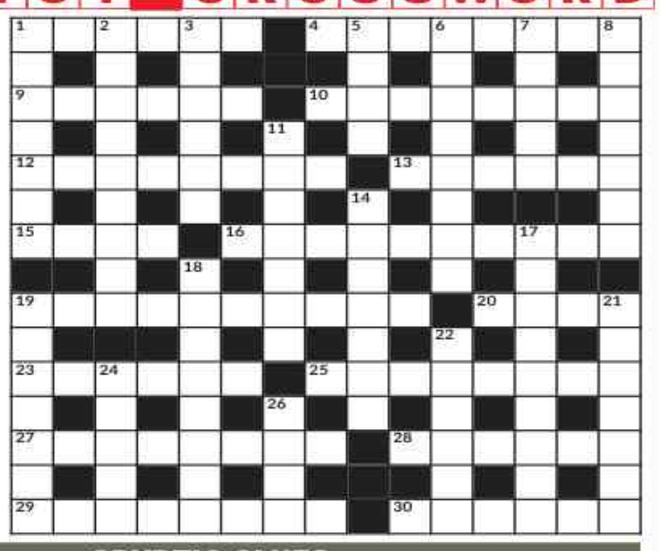
THE TOI CROSSWORD

CROSSWORD No. TCC#0277

The **TOI Crossword contest** is on a short break, but the crossword itself will continue to be featured in The Sunday Times of India, so that you can continue to relish the challenge every week. **Stay tuned!**

The Times of India CROSSWORD EVERY SUNDAY



CRYPTIC CLUES

Across
1 A number in the arena competing in track events (6)
4 Canst not be shaken (8)
9 Cause irritation right on the joint (6)
10 Flattery that won't wash? But it will (4,4)
12 Distraught wanderer approached (4,4)
13 Shylock is certain to be found in the old city (6)
15 Team making use of spin (4)
16 Encouraged and needled mob in riot (10)
19 Pound notes may be what it means (10)
20 Attempt a crazy comeback (4)
23 Girl makes Herbie laugh (6)
25 Militant has to work on arranged visit (8)
27 Cooler in the car, warmer in the house (8)
28 Mountain retreat needs freezer for fish (6)
29 A singular spectacle? (8)
30 Score double if vision is perfect (6)

Down
1 Screen has red centre and unusual rose edging (7)
2 A hundred on offer puts you in the running (9)
3 Lynn's upset about hole in her stockings (6)
5 A pitcher for the players (4)
6 Get hard ideas changed or reject them? (3,5)
7 Affair of one such as Othello, say (5)
8 Got to the point - summed up without a word of hesitation (7)
11 He says our future is in our own hands (7)
14 Rodents carry out an unusual crime (7)
17 Produce I turn into a balanced diet (9)
18 A bouncer at a cocktail party (8)
19 Goldsmith turns to grab fee (7)
21 Maybe charged with assault (7)
22 Tree bat? (6)
24 From an old-timer I'd get a wrinkle (5)
26 Far from stern? Fiddlesticks (4

QUICK CLUES

Across
1 Recompense for service (6) 4 Unevenly balanced (8)
9 Observe (6) 10 South American country (8)
12 Protector (8) 13 Series of lectures on subject (6)
15 One of the Great Lakes (4) 16 Give order to act (3,3,4)
19 Get down to business (4,6) 20 Slightly open (4)
23 Having special skill (6) 25 Sharply defined (5-3)
27 Account of deceased person's life (8) 28 Harbour for pleasure craft (6) 29 Cause to explode (8) 30 Venerate (6)

Down
1 Go back on one's word (7) 2 Energetically (4,1,4)
3 Diminish (6) 5 Double-reed woodwind instrument (4)
6 Break one's journey (4,4) 7 Exclude from admission (5) 8 Leading nowhere (4-3) 11 Mounted troops (7) 14 Tragedy by Shakespeare (7) 17 Goal (9)
18 Top of the bill (4,4) 19 A slight footing (7) 21 Fiercely competitive struggle (3,4) 22 Lay waste (6)
24 Juncture (5) 26 Be visibly worried (4)

SOLUTIONS TO LAST WEEK'S CROSSWORD

CRYPTIC

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